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Budget increase expected on alcohol and tobacco Rifkind gives

Major set to raise £1bn in extra taxes

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the Conservatives depend for

electoral recovery. But with

heading for a hefty deficit the Chancellor may raise contri-

bution rates to bring it back

Ministers are conscious of

the enormous burden on Mr

Major, whose decisions this

week could spell the difference

between a recovery and defeat

They have been saying that it is better for him to err on

the side of caution: his crucial

task is to restore City con-

fidence and to prevent any

further speculation against the

pound, which could result in

higher interest rates. Tory

MPs believe that interest rates

have already reached the lim-

Mrs Margaret Thatcher and

her senior advisers believe

that the storm over the poll

tax could have been weathered

had it been the only difficult

issue. Its arrival on top of the

steep increase in interest and

mortgage rates, however, has left Tory voters feeling be-trayed, with the result that the

Conservatives find them-selves in a position in the polls

from which no previous gov-

ernmeot has won an election.

vealed fresh jitters about Mrs

run-up to Tuesday's Budget

coupled with the prospect of

Two senior Tories yesterday

openly voiced concern that

the Government had lost its

direction, Mr Michael Hesel-

tine also distanced himself

further from the present Gov-

ernment's policies when set-

While the Tories therefore former Cabinet minister.

Tories reveal growing

unease on leadership

By Sheila Gnnn, Political Reporter

Conservative MPs and grass- 1ing out his own priorities in a

Thatcher's leadership in the Prime Minister's Finchley

losing the Mid-Staffordshire touch with "ordinary people" by-election and disquiet over with support for both the

roots supporters have re- letter to The Times today.

its of political tolerance.

at the next election.

into balance.

Senior Tories expect Mr him, Mr Major does not want John Major's first Budget on Tuesday to be on the tough side of neutral, raising up to £1 billion in extra taxes.

Alcohol and tobacco ex-cise duties, frozen last year, are expected to be in-creased in spite of the effect on the Retail Price Index. Company car teretion is also expected to rise Budget (Rodney Lord writes).

Mr Major, who has admit- year is now expected be ted having stage fright over around £8 hillion, a long way the first relevised Budget, is below the £14 billion forecast not expected to increase in- in last year's Budget or the come tax rates, but personal £12½ hillion in the autumn tax allowances may not be statement. The public sector totally indexed. The Chandebt repayment in February cellor would save £1.6 billion by not raising them at all.

He is also believed to have of the year of £9.6 billion. The rejected the idea of removing final month is expected to the appear earnings limit on show a sizeable deficit Page 17 the apper earnings limit on employees' National Insuranot contributions, which d have raised more than £3 hillion by hitting all those ike Mr Lawson before

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£1bn bid left on

answer machine BTR, the British company. bid \$1.64 billion (£1 billion) for the American Norton group, leaving an early-morning message for the defending board on a telephone answering machine. The City expects a long legal battle Page 17

Likud move

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A challenge to Mr Yitzhal. hamir's leadership of Israel's demonstred Likud parts is being mounted from the right, led by Mr Anel Sharon, the hemer peneral Mr Shamir. the Prime Migrater, was brought down on Thursday hy a knesses vote of no confidence Page ?

want everything possible done to avoid a further increase in to lose the principle of a contributory fund by merging interest rates, Mr Major dare the tax and National Innot be too tough for fear of tipping the economy into Politically, the move would recession, thereby increasing be very damaging, hitting the unemployment. middle-class voters on whom The Chancellor's task has been complicated lately by a strong dollar increasing pres-A steep fall in the Budget sure on the pound and by surplus has increased de-Treasury fears that the switch mands in the City for Mr to independent taxation of Major to raise taxes in the husbands and wives will cost the Government more than The surplus for this financial the £550 million allowed for this year. The cut in National Insurance rates last October will cost £2.8 billion in the full year of 1990-91. Mr Major's problems were underlined yesterday by of-ficial figures showing that was £1 billion, producing a surplus in the first II months wage costs jumped from 9.0 per cent to 10.1 per cent in the third quarter of 1989 while

Cooling off seriod: Mr John Major taking a pre-Budget small along Whitehall yesterday.

crofts 'back to the people'

By Sheila Gmn, Political Reporter

embarking on the largest land disposal exercise ever seen in Scotland by seeking to return thousands of acres of crofters' land to the people.

While not strictly a privatzation measure, the Scottish Secretary's plan is to transfer the holdings to "community ownership".

Crofis covering more than 100,000 acres tenanted by 630 crofters on Skye and Raasay will be the main target.

Mr Rifkind has issued a consultation paper which has been welcomed by the smallholders' representatives, including the National Farmers' Union for Scotland and the Scottish Crofters' Union.

Dr James Hunter, director of the crofters' union, said: Potentially this is the begining of the end of the process that began with the Highland

Mr Rifkind regards it as "anachronistic" to continue to own and administer large tracts of land when the purpose for which the land was acquired has long since been achieved. He described it as returning the land to the people".

The 17,672 crofting estates were acquired early this century; most of those on the mainland have long since been sold.

The plan is far more radical than the last reforms in 1976 when the Labour Government gave crofters the right to buy

Mr Malcolm Rifleind is annual rent. Many crofters did not take up the offer for fear of losing grants and security of

> The Scottish Office now finds the cost of administering the remaining 120,608 hectares occupied by 1,395 crofters is five times greater than the income. Its ownership responsibilities also tie up hundreds of staff.

Mr Rifkind's new proposal is aimed at transferring control to local communities while protecting the rights of individual crofters. Community trusts, includ-

ing representatives of the crofters' interests, is his preferred solution for most of the remaining crofts in public ownership. They could be modelled on

the Stornoway Trust which took over ownership of crofts in the Western Isles in the 1920s from Lord Leverhulme. The consultation paper

"Transfer to a trust would provide local communities with greater control over, and greater responsibility for, their own affairs with the scope to be more responsive to local sensitivities, and with greater ability to take account of local interests and opportunities."

One suggestion is to hand over the crofts to a trust at no cost with the Government paying conveyancing charges.

Controls are likely to be put on trusts to prevent them from selling blocks of crofts to their holdings at 15 times the large landowners.

Iraq plans big anti-British protests today

in Iraq today. The demonstra- shameful British stance." tions follow British measures against Iraq after the hanging of the Observer journalist, Mr Farzad Bazoft.

The MPs are also looking to Mr Major to use the Budget to The hard-line daily Al- Embassy situated near the underline the Government's Shaab declared yesterday in a centre of Baghdad, where the "green" credentials. Further clear statement of government main street protest is to be increases in car benefit scale policy: "The proud masses of held, British sources also excharges, increased in each of our people will come out pressed concern that revenge the last four Budgets, are

productivity fell by 0.5 per cent Earlier figures confirmed

that high interest rates are not

reducing consumption as

The Chancellor's colleagues

now live in fear of further

pressure on the pound forcing

another increase in interest

rates that would set off a

vicious spiral of higher wage

He is believed to have

resisted calls to lift the himit on

mortgage interest rate relief to

£40,000, which would have

cost £500-£800 million. How-

MPs of the Chancellor

stimulating the dormant hous-

ing market by raising the

£30,000 threshold at which

stamp duty becomes payable

anneipated. He is also ex-

pected to increase further the

differential between leaded

Opinions are divided over

how the Chancellor will react

to extensive lobbying for tax concessions on workplace

nurseries and child care for

An opinion poll in the

constituency found that most

voters believed she had lost

Conservatives and Labour

Meanwhile Labour was

celebrating three council by-

elections wins, reflectine

hostility to the poll tax, with

swings away from the Conser-

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running at 43 per cent.

and unleaded petrol.

on house sales.

ever, there is talk among Tory

claims and increased costs.

swiftly as had been hoped.

Huge offically organized tomorrow in mass demonstra-demonstrations of anger tions to express their anger against Britain will take place and denunciation of the of the British Council and of message for Mrs Daphne Par-gave him a lift in her car to the against Britain will take place and denunciation of the

In addition to the British

Spying claims.

British Airways.

Relations between Britain and Iraq were at freezing point yesterday following the return to London of Mr Harold Walker, the British Ambassador, and an angry Iraqi reply to British measures after the

execution. One of Mr Farzad Bazoft's message for Mrs Daphne Par- gave him a lift in her car to the ish apologising for having military plant to investigate involved her, it was disclosed yesterday. The message was passed to her in her cell at the Abu Ghraib prison in Baghdad by Mr Robin Kealy, the

had visited Mr Bazoft shortly before his death.

British Consul General, who

reports of an explosion.

Mr Kealy was also able to tell her that her daughter, Mrs Michelle de Vries, is expected to receive a visa to visit Iraq soon. The British Embassy will ask the Iraqi authorities to allow Mrs de Vries to see her He also broke the news to mother several times.

Shock as world Aids expert quits

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

working mothers. The cause is supported in The Times today by Sir Norman Fowler, the Organization's global programme on Aids.

Dr Mann announced that he was leaving after disagree-Dr Hiroshi Nakajima, director general of the organization. Edinburgh epidemic

His departure is an enorstrategy on Aids, and calls into doubt its future direction at a

Dr Mann, aged 42, has almost single-handedly galvanized scores of countries cult to replace." international campaign for the past four years.

Sir Donald Acheson, the and on funding. Government's chief medical officer, said: "I am very sorry able for comment.

International Aids experts indeed. I have a very high were stunned yesterday by the sudden resignation of Dr Jonathan Mann, director and founder of the World Health spread of HIV. His leadership of the World Health spread of HIV. His leadership of the World Health spread of HIV. of the WHO programme will be sorely missed.

Dr Tony Pinching, an emi-nent Aids specialist at St ments over "vital issues" with Mary's Hospital, Paddington,

mous blow to the WHO London, said Dr Mann's resignation was a "major disaster" and added: "He has critical stage of the pandemic. directed the global programme with great vision and ability, and will be very diffi-

into setting up projects to con-trol the spread of Aids. He has Mann and Dr Nakajima had It seems evident that Dr been the leading figure in the quarrelled frequently on whether Aids should remain one of WHO's highest priorities

Dr Nakajima was not avail-

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Glasgow shrugs off a cultural glitch By Simon Tait, Arts Correspondent

going on with.

three-day Arts Without Frontiers conference in Glasgow. which ended yesterday, denied any intended snub in not inviting speakers from the organizers of Glasgow European City of Culture 1990, despite the fact that the conference, with 700 international delegates, was convened to discuss the cultural implications in the coming European single market.

"We have worked very

closely with the Arts Council

in setting up the conference

and I suggested that our

Palmer said.

up the programme we found we were not included. However, we have plenty to be going on with." Already Glasgow's year as

Europe's cultural capital has exceeded all expectations, Mr thought most appropriate to address the questions 1992 Mr Palmer said that visitor

been taken by surprise. We have had to revise our assessment of the number of visiters we expect this year from seven to nine million."

Arts Council organizers of the experience might be of in-venue for the conference, and terest," said Mr Robert Palmer, director of the Year of Culture. "But when the

we chose the speakers we conference organizers drew

figures for the first two mooths were already 12 per cent up oo forecasts. "We expected the months of January, February and March to be fairly slow as they traditionally are, but we have

Mr Dylan Hammond, the Arts Council's director of marketing, said no dis-coursesy was intended. "We picked Glasgow as the perfect

NEWS ROUNDUP

Forces ambulance crews stand down

Nearly 130 military ambulances which have provided the backbone of emergency cover throughout the worst of the ambulance dispute were yesterday recalled to barracks (Kevin Eason writes).

As amhulance crews filtered back to normal working for the first time after six mooths of dispute. Army and Royal Air Force crews who had to cope with their workload were gathering up their equipment.

More than 1,200 army medics answered more than 127,000 emergency calls during a total of a million hours on call, costing the Department of Health £5 million. At the height of the dispute 209 military amhulances were operating in 21 health districts.

Yesterday marked the full return to work of all 22,500 ambulance crews who have now accepted the Government's pay deal, worth 17.6 per cent oo average.

Many returned to work oo Tuesday after a vote in favour

Greens 'unrealistic'

The Prime Minister yesterday deprecated "airy-fairy" environmentalists for lack of realism (Rohin Young writes). She quoted the poet Andrew Marvell's lines about a garden which "annihilates all that's made into a green thought, a green shade", and said it reminded her of Greens: "Very beautiful, but quite unrealistic." She quoted Kipling too:
"Our England is a garden, and such gardens are not made,
By saying: "Oh, how beautiful!" and sitting in the shade."

Marine discharged

A Royal Marine who walked free from court after being convicted of killing his wife and baby is to be discharged, from the service, it was announced yesterday. Graham Sherman, aged 21, was found guitty last month of culpable homicide — the equivalent of manslaughter — after he shot dead his wife Michelle, aged 23, and their baby son, Josh, at the family home at Arbroath, Tayside. The judge Lord Duopark said Sherman had been punished enough.

Exile murder inquiry

Bulgaria may send prosecutors to Britain in connection with the killing in 1978 of a Bulgarian exile who was stabbed with a poisoned umbrella in London, the Foreign Office said vesterday. Britain suspects that the murder of Georgi Markov, who worked for the BBC's Bulgarian Service, was the work of agents of Bulgaria's then hard-line communist government. Britain has raised the issue again since the fall of Bulgaria's government last year.

IRA extortion threat

An apparent attempt by the IRA to extort £2 million from Ireland's second largest bank by threatening to hlow up bank property was made almost two weeks ago, it emerged yesterday (Edward Gorman writes). The threat came to light on Thursday after the Bank of Ireland informed its 7,500 staff. It is understood the demand was made 13 days ago by four men to an employee based in Ulster. The bank has said it will oot bow to extortion and has increased security.

Seabed dispute settled

The Court of Sessioo in Edinburgh has coofirmed that the seabed around Shetland is part of the Crown Estate. The Shetland Salmoo Farmers Association and Lerwick Harbour Trustees had joined with the Crown Estate in the presentation of a special case to resolve the dispute over ownership, which centered on marine fish farming and harbour works. The court ruling has confirmed the Crown Estate's rights of ownership over the seabed out to 12 miles.

Newspaper of the year award goes to Russia

wnich sells 33 million codies was yesterday named newspaper of the year.

Argumenty I Fakty was given the title by What The Papers Say, television's longest-running current affairs programme, which moved from Channel 4 to BBC2 last

The paper began 10 years ago as a digest of the Soviet and foreign press aimed mainly at university and coll- Correspondent of the Year.

A Russian weekly newspaper ege lecturers. Its circulation 10,000. Gradually evolved into a newspaper and since glasnost has gathered 33.3 million subscribers.

> At the award ceremony in the Savoy Hotel, Loodon, Mr Andreas Whittam-Smith of The Independent was named editor of the year.

> Mr Paul Foot, of the Daily Mirror, was journalist of the year and Mr Peter Millar, of The Sunday Times, Foreign

Chief constables criticize new budget controls

By Stewart Tendler Crime Correspondent

Britain's chief constables are considering lobhying the Government to change new capital spending controls which they fear could cut spending on equipment and police building works.

The possibility of a dispute with the chief constables comes at a time when Home Office and Treasury, keen to place some control on the annually escalating multibillion-pound police budget, are already at odds with the Police Federation over housing allowances and face a Commons debate oo the issue.

The capital funding issue centres on cootrols for the 42 provincial forces in England and Wales which means they must share in the next financial year a budget of £90 million for hullding works and £85 million for vehicles, plant or equipment.

One chief constable has said publicly that the money allocated would barely buy new bicycles let alooe replace vehicles that had run up 250,000 miles. In some forces, much of the new money may go oo paying hills, and some officers say the budgets, announced 10 days ago, were late and arbitrary.

The chief constables' complaints centre oo a change in the method of allocating funds for capital expenditure to which the Home Office cootributes 51 per cent. Hitherto, the police and local authorities submitted plans which were then agreed with the Home Office. Uoder the new system the Home Office controls the hudget, setting out what forces can spend and telling them that if they want to spend more then it must come from their own resources such as reserves from property sales. The Home Office will not contribute 51 per cent for anything over the hudget figure.

The chief constables say they may have to resort to reserves because of the parlous state of capital iovestment and the awards have worked out at about a third of each force's regoirements.

A police report last week revealed that 82 per cent of the police hudget was spent on persoonel, leaving insufficient for buildings or equipmeot. If forces dig ioto reserves their police authorities will eventually have to look for other means of

ingredient in the next poll tax. The result would be that police funds would become a political issue.

The executive committee of the Association of Chief Police Officers met this week to discuss the situation and forces have been asked urgently to present evidence of the effects of the oew budget system.

The Home Office said forces might have complaints. If forces were desperate for new spending they could use their own resources.

The Home Office's potential difficulties with the chief constables are emerging as the federation plans a campaign including a possible judicial review, national newspaper advertisements and the canvassing of MPs for support. The housing

allowance changes, which have to be ratified by Parliament, are to be challenged by MPs from both sides

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of the House. The federation leadership fears that the package of pay and con-ditions drawn up in 1978 and accepted for the past decade could now be under threat in spite of the pledges by successive Home Sec.

retarres that it was safe. The federauoo's attitude was hardened further with a recent Home Office decision that officers in half the forces in England and Wales will not receive a rout allowance review due on April 1 although other forces received their review last year. The Home Office has oow conceded that it can get a rise based on the retail price index.

Kinnock says Tory defeat will serve as notice to quit

Mr Neil Kinnock made a whistle-stop tour of Mid-Staffordshire yesterday and, scenting victory in the air, declared that a Conservative defeat in Thursday's poll would give Mrs Thatcher notice to quit".

The Labour leader arrived as a new local Gallup poll showed Labour ahead of the Conservatives by 19.5 per cent and on course to overturn the Tory majority of 14,654.

During a walk-about in Lichfield, the Labour leader said: "We are going to win and we are going to keep on working for every vote because we want to earn the support we get."

He said victory would be notice to the Government to get out of the way and allow Britain to be ruled by a party which respected democracy. Poll tax, he said, was not the only issue.

Speaking on the steps of Dr Johnson's birthplace, he said: The attitudes being expressed and the reasons for people moving their votes go much wider than the poll tax. What they see is not an accident of Thatcherism; it is actually the essence of Thatcherism and all the things the country. which have gone wrong and are going wrong."

leadership's defence policy and for £5 billion cuts in the defence budget.

Mr Charles Prior, the Tory candidate, insisted he would win in spite of the polls and produced a letter of support from the Prime Minister, which, however, acknowl-edged he would face many questions about the commnnity charge.

Mr Kinnock had started his visit at Chartley Hall, the



1987 General election: J Heddle (C), 28,644; C St Hill (Lab) 13,990; T Jones (L/All), 13,114;

country house home in the north of the constituency of Mr David Unwin, owner of transport and plant hire companies, and his wife, Ros. Labour officials said that the couple were supporters who were loaning Mr Kinnock their helicopter to tour the constituency before taking him to Lichfield.

At a Conservative Party press conference, the Secretary of State for Defence said that the £5 billion cuts that Mrs Heal had supported would almost certainly put 1,500 people who worked in defence-related industries in the constituency on the dole.

Mr King challenged Mrs Heal to say whether she was in favour of Britain having no nuclear defence while the Soviet Union maintained a nuclear capability targeted oo Last night Mr Kenneth

Mr Kinnock was campaigning in support of Mrs Sylvia Heal, who was challenged by Mr Tom King, the Secretary of State for Defence, to explain why she had voted at Labour's annual conference against the mid-Staffs by-election — The Sound of Silence, "he said Mr Kinnock had talked a Baker, the Conservative Party said. Mr Kinnock had talked a lot during yesterday's visit but said nothing". The Liberal Democrat can-

didate, Mr Tim Jones, was given a boost by a council byelection result in the Western Springs ward of Rugeley, where there is strong Labour support. In Wednesday's night poll, his party narrowly re-tained the seat over Labour. There are 14 candidates in Thursday's poll.

Spy claims 'wild speculation'

Claims by Conservative MPs that Mr Farzad Bazoft, the journalist executed in Iraq on Thursday, may have been spying for Israel, were "wild speculation", senior staff at The Observer said yesterday.

They reacted angrily to suggestions by Mr Rupert Allason, Conservative MP for Torbay, that it was "highly likely" that Mr Bazoft, who was born in Iran, was working for Israel's intelligence agency, Mossad. This is ridiculous and absolutely incredible," one of Mr Bazoft's Observer colleagues said.

Mr Donald Trelford, editor of The Observer, said: "If Mr Aliasoo has a single scrap of evidence that Farzad spied for anyone, let him produce it. If not, he should keep his fevered speculation for his books.

"Farzad was a reporter who died a horrible death without a fair trial or appeal. Any attempt to justify his execu-tion or deflect the world's attention from this brutal fact is beneath contempt."

One Observer executive said: "How many times do we have to say that Farzad was not a spy?

However, in spite of their conviction that Mr Bazoft never worked for either British or Israeli intelligence, Observer journalists were clearly stimned by the disclosure yesterday that Mr Bazoft received an 18-mooth prison sentence in 1981 for robbing a building society in Brackley, Northamptonshire.

According to Mr Allason, an expert oo international espionage, it was probably this cooviction that led Mr Bazoft to Mossad.

Mr Allason, who writes books oo intelligence under the name Nigel West, said: "I think that Bazoft knew that the moment his criminal convictioo became known to The Observer be would have been out oo his ear. He probably capitalised on the time he was there and his background by offering himself to the Israelis.

"We know now that he offered himself four times to the British police in recent months as an informer. It would be highly likely he would offer himself to the Israelis.

Mr Anthooy Beaumont-Dark, Conservative MP for Birmingham Selly Oak, supported the speculations of his Conservative colleague.



Mr Harold Walker, the British Ambassador to Baghdad, who was ordered to return home. at Heathrow Airport yesterday. He went on for an extensive Foreign Office briefing.

There now arises an in- However, Mrs Penny Brain, later. He was very plausible credible story of mystery and enigma surrounding the back-ground of this fellow," he said. "If it is true he gave informa-tion to Special Branch; did he give information, as well, to MI6? Perhaps the biggest story of all is yet to be told."

Yesterday, the Foreign Of-fice declined to comment in detail on the claims by the two MPs. A spokesman did say, however, that Mr Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, made it clear in the Commons oo Thursday that Mr Bazoft had no links with British intelligence.

"All he did was to offer information to the Metropoli-Britain," a Whitehall source said. "He was clearly hoping that the police would help to stand up stories he was working on.'

Conservative MPs also began to question yesterday exactly when Mr Trelford knew about Mr Bazoft's criminal background. On Thursday, Mr Trelford said he knew about the 1981 building society robbery only when it was Bazoft gave her but it was revealed in press reports. returned to her nine mooths

who runs a guest house io Banbury, Oxfordshire, and who was owed money by Mr Bazoft, said yesterday that she wrote to Mr Trelford last Suoday informing him about the robbery. "Mr-Trelford contacted me

this week asking me oot to reveal what had happened because his life was hanging by a thread, she said. "I agreed with what he was saying." She said that her husband, Paul, had unwittingly taken

Mr Bazoft to the Heart of England building society at Brackley, two days before the robbery in June 1981.

was having difficulty getting money out of Iran. He told her that be could get it through the building society. Mr Bazoft returned to the building society 48 hours later

elaiming to have a bomh and got away with £475 pounds. The "bomb" was later found to be a fake. Mrs Brain said that police

and could talk you into anything," she said of Mr Bazoft. "But I liked him," Mr Bazoft was released after

serving a year of his sentence. In spite of his trial judge recommending his immediate. deportation oo release from prison, the Home Office decided to allow him to remain in Britain because he claimed his life would be io danger # he returned to Iran.

Details of Mr Bazoft's criminal background will almost certainly have been on the Foreign Office and Home Office records as a matter of course ever since the un-Mr Bazoft owed £260 rent successful application was 1981. Whitehall sources indicated yesterday.

It was also disclosed yesterday that Mr Bazoft sent a final personal message of apology to Mrs Daphne Parish. The brief oral message was delivered by a senior British diplomat to Mrs Parish in prison near Baghdad.

Officials at the embassy in confiscated the money Mr Baghdad were still attempting to retrieve Mr Bazoft's body

Pre-Budget advice to Major .

Fowler leads MPs in appeal for help to families

By Nigel Williamson, Political Staff

Mr John Major, the Chancellor of the Exchequer who will spend this weekend finishing his first hudget, came under increasing pressure yes-terday to "do something" to assist families and working

ax oo workplace nurseries. Sir Norman Fowler, who resigned two months ago as Secretary of State for Employment in order to spend more time with his family, was the He said that it was an "anomaly" that free car park-

concerned. I do hope the the Chancellor will seek and use that while the real value of tax-

"What we should aim to do the woman herself wants."

Home Office minister, refused to be drawn. A government working party would report on child care facilities this summer, he said, fuelling speculation that any tax changes would also await the outcome

Field, the Labour chairman of ing in central Loodoo can be the Commons select comprovided by employers tax- mittee on social services, and the Family Policy Studies Centre issued figures showing It was a "curious policy", that the major gainers from Sir Normao said. "I do think tax changes under the present Government had been single people and childless comples. They issued figures showing

voursel

such offences.

children under 11 it had risen by only 18 per cent. Mr Field said: "Despite all

the government rhetoric about protecting the family it has been those without children who have won in the tax



Sir Norman: Gave up job to have more time with family.

the opportunity of his first free income for a single person stakes". Sir Norman repeats Sir Norman, who was Sec-Budget to put this right." had risen by 25 per cent, for a his plea to the Chancellor to had risen by 25 per cent, for a his plea to the Chancellor to married couple with two abolish tax oo work place nurseries in an article in today's edition of The Times. In it he also calls for Mr Major to make it easier for employers to provide child-

> He writes: "The case for making such vouchers tax exempt is also strong. It would share the cost

between employers and gov-ernment, but above all it would provide flexibility, leaving the choice to the mother, for vouchers can be used to pay for child-minding as well as nurseries." Sir Norman also added his

voice yesterday to a traditional Tory "wet" topic by calling for the retention of retary of State for Social Services from 1981 to 1987, appeared to criticize the Government's refusal after he left the job to raise the benefit in line with inflation, when he said that he was against allowing the benefit to "wither

Sir Norman said: "It never was intended that family credit should take the place of child benefit."

"It would be a serious error to abandoo child benefit because I believe it brings help to countless families in this country. It is a very popular benefit and it is also a very effective benefit."

Another former minister. Mrs Edwina Currie, said she was oot convinced increasing child benefit was the best way. help should be aimed at the Taxing choice, page 10

Parliament, page 4

Ministers resist EC horse trade

By Sheila Gunn Political Reporter

Agriculture ministers are preparing for a long tough fight in Brussels against the threat of a revival of the export of live horses from Britain to the continent for

The EC intends to introduce a community-wide policy on the export of live animals after

Yesterday, it emerged that Mr David Maclean and Mr David Curry, parliamentary secretaries for the department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, were hoping to enlist hureaucracy in an attempt to choke any such trade.

One scheme under consideration is to impose so many regulations governing statutory rest periods, the type of transport, the space required. feeding, watering and quarantioe that it would deter exporters. A similar scheme protects wild hirds. About £4,6 million of

slaughtered British horsemeat, the equivalent of 14,000 horses and ponies, is exported annually to the maio markets of France, Holland, Italy and Belgium to satisfy a demand for horsemeat.

Most at risk would be Britain's uoique native ponies, living wild or semi-wild oo the Welsh hills. Dartmoor. Exmoor, New Forest and similar stretches of moorland.



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ADDRESS

MPs from both sides of the House urged him to abolish most senior Tory to speak out. of the report.

free but workplace nurseries are taxed as a fringe benefit. we have got ourselves into a right muddle as far as this is

year by Leeds Crown Court vesterday

after pleading guilty to aiding and abetting her busband's suicide.

Mrs Karen Taylor, 36, gave her husband Mr David Taylor, who was

suffering from multiple sclerosis, a combination of 70 painkillers and

Mr Taylor, 37, of Foxhill Avenue,

Mrs Taylor's father, Mr Dennis

Cooper, 63, who also admitted the

charge, was given a similar sentence.

Mr Justice French told Mrs Taylor:

"No one can listen to the tragic history

of Mr Taylor's last years and last days

without the deepest sympathy both for

and for his family. No one can

Queenshury, near Bradford, later died

from bronchial pneumonia.

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Sunday, July 2, last year from bronchiz pneumonia, which had been "undoubtedly hastened if not caused"

hy multiple sclerosis, which he had

The disease had been diagnosed the

Mr Taylor, a Yorkshire Water

following year - the year Mr and Mrs

Taylor had planned to start a family.

Authority civil engineer who had a

first-class degree in engineering, had

been a very fit, sporting and active

suffered from since 1980.

universal child benefit.

Many fear that if the Conservatives win the next election they could move to scrap child benefit completely.

Probation for wife who helped husband to die this case with the greatest care the man with a happy marriage. Mr Lodge said: "Mr Taylor was aware of conclusion I come to is that it would his condition and the hurden he felt he not be in the public interest to sentence was putting on others. He was subject you to any formal sentence of punishto bouts of depression and spoke often Mr Anton Lodge, QC, for the prosecution, told the court that Mr Taylor died shortly before midday on

"According to Mrs Taylor he asked her when multiple sclerosis was first diagnosed to promise to help him to end his life if his quality of life got to where he did not like it. She agreed and hoped it would never happen." Mr Brian Cox, for the defence, said

discouraged him from thoughts of suicide. "What she did was solely for Mrs Cooper and Mr Taylor's parents all denied the same charge

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On Tuesday, The

Times Economics Editor

Rodnay Lord examines

the options open to Mr

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and on Wednesday, in

an in-depth eight-page

special report. The

Times examines Mr

Major's solutions in

to place 'white' girl with black family

The white mother of a threeyear-old girl in council care is to fight plans that could lead to her child being placed with a hlack family for adoption, it

was disclosed yesterday.
The child, who looks white and has been with white foster parents for over a year, is classed hy Liverpool City Conncil as being of mixed race because her great-grandfather was hlack, a town hall spokesman confirmed

The council is anxious to place children of mixed-race backgrounds with similar families and is reviewing the

However, the solicitor acting for the mother believes the council is out of order and he is ready to seek a judicial review in the High Court to prevent the child being adopted hy a black family.

Last week the mother was told that the council is seriously considering taking the child away from the white foster parents with a view to placing her with a black family for adoption," Mr Philip Canter, a member of the solicitors' child care panel, said.

"We would rather not take legal proceedings but will consider going to the High Court if necessary."

The mother, aged 28, who has three other children, has kept in contact with her daughter through phone calls on these matters but wherever and photographs from the possible we like to place after his birth to black foster foster parents. She wants her children of mixed race with parents for adoption.

killed in the Clapham rail

disaster was yesterday ewarded £106,881 agreed

damages against British Rail.

The husband of Mrs Carol

Perry-Lewis, aged 43, of St

Ives Gardens, Bournemouth,

Dorset, was among the 35 who

died in the crash in December

At the High Court Mr

Justice Drake approved an award of £13,000 out of the

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The widow of a money broker settle this matter".

foster family and had thought that they would eventually be allowed to adopt her. The

girl's father is also white. "I feel my daughter would be better off with the family who are looking after her now She will be told all about her family background and culture by them. I want her to know all about that. I have not stopped caring about her. I want her to be happy," the

Mr Canter said the mother was worried that the child would face problems if sbe were placed with a black or mixed-race family.

"My client does not want a tragedy to happen. We want the council to think again. We feel the child will face problems when she is older if she is placed with a hlack family. She looks white, her mother

"The council have actually gone back as far as her great-grandfather from the West Indies to class her as hlack," he said.

A council spokesman said last night that the case was being reviewed and as the child was a ward of court her future would be decided by a judge once the council's recommendations had been made at the end of May.

"We have no policy as such

After the short hearing Mrs

Perry-Lewis said: "Its appall-

ing that my family and I have

had to come to court io order

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Rail have treated the bereaved

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She said that at first British

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The case was the first arising suffered more than enough."

courts over the question of Rail offered her "very small

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daughter to stay with the white families of a similar background. At the end of the day we must take into account what is best for the child," the

> In this case the situation is being reviewed. There is no suggestion that the child must be placed with a mixed-race or black family. We are looking into every possibility. New guidelines on adoption

and fostering were issued by the Government in January. The Department of Health told local authorities that in the vast majority of cases a child should be placed with a family of the same ethnic origin, hut there was oo absolute rule that a black child should always be placed with a black family.

Just a few days before the guidelines were issued a hlack mother failed in her High Court attempt to win back her six-year-old daughter from white foster parents. The judge. Mr Justice Scott Baker, described the case as "heartrending" and ruled that the arguments for leaving the child with the family which had cared for her for six years

were overwhelming.

In another much-publicized case the House of Lords decided last November that a white foster mother should hand over a 17-mouth-old mixed-race boy she had brought up since a few days

consultant in Wimborne, Dor-

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writing to Mr Cecil Parkin-

son, Secretary of State for

Transport, about the conduct

said: "It was a generous offer

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making fair offers of

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During the hearing Mr Charles Pugh, QC, for Mrs Perry-Lewis, said British Rail

had at a very early stage

Butterfield. She would also be county level.

Mother fights move Inventor sailing into the future

Technology Correspondent A high-speed "wingsail" tri-maran is undergoing trials at Plymouth Sound in prepara-tion for a world-wide launch. The design of the 30ft Zefyr is claimed to be revolutionary, making yachting accessible to

even the most resolute land-

Like a car, the craft can reverse and do three-point turns. It is steered from a racing car-style cockpit and can reach speeds of np to 25

Instead of elaborate rigging and sails, the vessel is litted with an aircraft-style wing that is moved hy computer to take best advantage of wind direction and strength.

Power is delivered to the wing's motor by solar cells housed at the sail's apex with a tiny wind generator provid-ing additional energy. The captain can stop the

craft either by disengaging the sail, allowing him to coast into port, or by turning the wing against the wind bringing the craft to a rapid balt. The trimaran is the inven-

tion of Mr John Walker, of Walker Wingsail Systems, Plymeath. A former aerospace en-

gineer who worked on Concorde, he has been developing the idea of yachts and ships powered by "wingsail" since the 1960s. His plans have attracted

interest from ocean-going liner and freighter operator The fall in the price of oil in the past decade put paid to earlier dreams of powering the

world's fleets from the sun and

the wind.

However with renewed concern for the environment, Mr Walker believes such schemes may again be viable.

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He was a "great cricketer"

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Lawyers for Mrs Perry-

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A British Rail Board to settle down."

The £13,000 approved by

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His mother had a significant offer of settlement last

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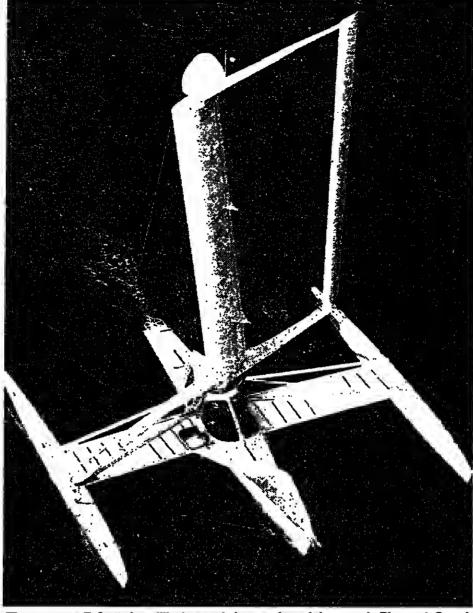
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The prototype Zefyr "wingsail" trimaran being put through its paces in Plymouth Sound.

Clapham victim's widow awarded £106,000 | Law Fair students pick public sector

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

the legal professions are turn- all her information had been ing increasingly towards the public sector such as magstrates' courts, to "public interest" work and to Europe, udging by the first national

Law Fair yesterday.

More than 5,000 students attended the two-day fair or-ganized hy London Uoiversity's careers advisory service in association with *The Times* and the Law Society, and the verdict was that it had been an

unqualified success. The Crown Prosecution Service, the Magistrates' Courts' Service and the European Commission were all "deluged" with applications. Mr Allan ос. ше Director of Public Prosecu-

tions, who worked for a while dents were keen to know about vacancies. students' job plans. The Euro-

more than 400 inquiries from students and 200 requests for application forms.

Ms Laura Jackson, of the

Students hunting for jobs in in Islington, North London, distributed and throughout all three staff on the stand were fully occupied. She noted a particular in-

terest from women "because the Commission is ettractive for women entrants and seeks to give them equal career

Although the normal cut-off ge for entrants is 35, the Commission will take women who have had a family up to six years after that.

Both the Legal Aid Practitioners' Group and the Mag-

istrates' Courts' Service also reported "exceptional" in-LAPG, said: "Students have been very pleased to he able to

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TOURNAMENT

OF THE MIND

 Thousands of readers are more than half-way through the challenge of The Times Tournament of the Mind 1990. Round 11 today offers the chance to test your word power

 Entrants are playing to win £5,000 or, for the school team, a Hewlett Packard computer

 All who enter the Tournament will receive a special certificate. Your chance at the prizes is on page 44

Plus

 On Monday, The Times makes a special, pre-publication offer of the 1990 Guide to Museums and Galleries.

 This year's new, revised edition will be ager and more deta than ever, with 23 pages of full-colour maps, and with more than 800 museums offering Times

ted liability at an early stage. and the case was only settled "admitted responsibility in ment was the result of a this matter". The judge said he was glad just hefore yesterdey's the parties had been able to hearing, reach terms "which are Mrs to use io calculating the The couple's son Mathew Mrs Perry-Lewis, who was now about to sit O levels amount of compensation.

Ferrari is expected to fetch £9m

SALEROOM

By Sarah Jane Checkland Art Market Correspondent

A Ferrari considered so important hy Sotheby's that it has been given its own singlelot sale is expected to fetch £9 million at auction on May 21. The 1962 Ferrari 250 GTO

won three consecutive world GT championships from 1962 to 1964. The climax and end of its career was in 1965, when it came first in the GT class at the Paris Grand Prix.

"Rarely does a car of this provenance survive more than 25 years with no modifications to the original specifications," Mr Malcolm Barber, of Sotheby's, said.

and owner of a racing circuit A controversial exhibition

of Victorian paintings opens at the Manchester City Art Galleries today.

collection which are expected to fetch up to £2.5 million at a public gallery is being used as a showcase for the art market. • The Noortman Gallery

The Ferrari has been consigned by Mr Robin M. Ruhin, an American collector on Long Island.

It includes works from the British Rail Pension Fund Sotheby's auction on June 19. The complaint is that a

raised £650,000 for "Laughing Children with a Cat" hy Judith Leyster, the Dutch 17th century artist, at the European Fine Art Fair in Maastricht yesterday. A beach scene hy Boudin sold for £100,000 at Artemis Fine Art.

Policewoman commended

accident."

Rugby tackle felled raider

terday for chasing and tackling an armed rohber.

Constable Sharon Kenyon, aged 22, left two men colleagues far behind as she chased Panicos Vassillou, aged 22, for about 100 yards before hringing him down with a rugby tackle.

Judge Lewisohn said: "She is to be highly commended. She showed remarkable courage and led the chase before tackling the defendant. She was told he was armed and was not to know that the gun he was carrying was an imitation.

Miss Kenyon is based at Wood Green police station in north London and is the holder of a police record for

Panicos Vassillou, of Victor Villas, Great Cambridge Road, Edmonton, north London, was jailed for six years. The court was told that Vassillou had carried out four raids on two different building societies between March 3 and June 3 last year. In all, he had escaped with nearly £6,000.

Mrs Carol Beary, aged 35, a huilding society clerk at the Bradford and Bingley Building Society in Wood Green High Street, had alerted the police after spotting Vassillou three days after he had rohbed the huilding society.

The judge awarded Mrs Beary £400 for her public spiritedness.

The chase began with Vassillou darting down a side caught up with the raider and

A policewoman sprint cham-pion was awarded £100 in the Central Criminal Court yes-and helped ber to arrest the was armed with an imitation gun and did not disguise himself. The raids were filmed rohber. Mr Anthony Wilcken, for the prosecution, said Vassillou had robbed Alliance and

Leicester huilding society in Wood Green High Street three times. He had become so familiar that, on the third occasion, one of the wamen clerks had shouted out: "Look out, girls, we are going to he raided again."

On all the raids, Vassillou



Baroness's 'sinister home plan'

spokesman, however, put the

delay down to the fact that

final details of the claim had

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He said that by the begin-

ning of this month, 177 of the

392 claims arising out of

injury had been settled out of

court and six of the 35 claims

He said many of the

outstanding cases had not

been settled because final

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submitting final details for

one reason or another partly

because they are waiting for a

claimant's medical condition

claims had not been received.

"Solicitors representing

Baroness Susan de Siempel had a "sinister" plan to keep her aunt, Lady Illingworth, behind barred windows in a Mr Michael Sayers, for the defence, said that Vassillou house on the Channel Islands, had turned to crime to pay for Birmingham Crown Court was told yesterday. "He was remarkable naive,

The move to Alderney was an attempt to escape tax on her wealth, the court was told. Baron Michael de Stempel told West Mercia police that "vaguely" remembered

red windows, where Lady Illingworth would live. He said: "I think Susan said Lady Illingworth might wan-der into the road and get killed, hut she may have had some sinister motive.

"I now think that Susan was a very sinister person." The Baron told police that he was "coerced" hy the Baroness into huying a £105.000 house in Alderney out of his £750,000 inher-

itance from his father. "Susan made me go to the estate agents under coercion. I told her it was wrong that Lady Illingworth should be taken out of England." the Baron told police.

The purchase of the house in Alderney later fell through. Michael de Stempel, aged 60. Marcus Wilberforce, aged 28. and Sophia Wilberforce, aged 27, all deny conspiring to steal the former society hostess's fortune. Baroness Susan de Stempel has pleaded guilty to five charges of theft and two of forgery. The case

discussing with a friend a ground-floor room with bar-

Surrey judge urges young Scot to take high road longer existing. But I strongly recomstages, first to Blyth in Northumber-

A judge in Surrey yesterday advised a young defendant to "go back no north", telling him: "You're a Scot and you don't speak English." Judge Ellison, who said he had spensed such advice before, added: When you should be saying 'Yes' you say 'Aye' ... I strongly recommend you pack up your things and go back

Karl Mowberry, aged 21 who was born in Dundee, admitted assaulting

Guildford Crown Court was told that the unemployed painter ran np hehind his victims and tried to fondle their Mowberry had moved south in

land and then on to Wimbledon, south London, where be was living in a YMCA hostel and had become mixed up in drug-taking.

The judge told the court he was

known for advising defendants to move na. "My name has been bandled about because I recommended a man should go back to Barrow-in-Furness. Every-

one thought that was offensive but quite why I do not know. "I know Blyth and I can understand your problems with finding work, what with the coal-mining industry having gone down hill and ship-building no

nd you pack up your things and go back home. "Ynn dnn't know anybody dnwn

Filmed in the act: Vassilinn while on a building society raid.

here and you might think it far more sensible to go back to Northumberiand or perhaps to Newcastle or west to Carlisle. There are all sorts of "If you want to stay here you can but

it is only when you moved south that

you got mixed up with people with drugs. You want to keep out of their hands." Judge Ellison said he was satisfied from a medical report that Mowberry only got involved in drugs which may have been responsible for his behaviour when be moved to London. He sentenced Mowberry to nine onths in prison hut said be should be freed at the end of the day after he was tald the length of time he had spent

behind bars while on remand. Last May, Judge Ellison caused controversy when he told an alcoholic whn appeared before him at Reading. Berkshire, that he was a social nnisance and a menace to society and not wanted in the South.

Judge Ellison, a firmer Royal Navy officer, suggested that the man should go back to Barrow to try to get a job in

on the CPS stand, said stu-find out about legal aid firms." retain an edge with many Passport concessions The advent of 1992 is students because of their

already having an impact on sponsorship through finals students' job plans. The Euro-courses. But they increasingly pean Commission received have to compete with sponsorship from the public sector. Miss Anne-Marie Martin,

senior careers advisor at London University, said the Commission's London office, fair had been a huge success said hy the end of the first day and next year it was likely to at the Business Design Centre be expanded.

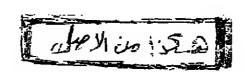
PORTFOLIO There were no valid claims in yesterday's £2,000 Portfolio Platinum competition, so the prize money on Monday is doubled to £4.000



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'Brooke initiative' may yet bear fruit in Northern Ireland extradition decision as a pretext to pull

By Edward Gorman Irish Affairs Correspondent

In spite of appearances to the contrary, the Government believes that political progress in Northern Ireland is still possible and that the "Brooke initiative" may yet bear fruit.

Recent developments have cast doubt on the likelihood of Mr Peter Brooke, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland being able to draw together Northern Ireland's constitutional parties for talks on the future government there.

Meetings which be has held with party leaders, most recently with the Unionists in Londoo on Thursday, appear to have achieved little more than to establish the basis of the problem and to define the extent of party differences.

Mr James Molyneaux, of the Ulster Unionist Party, and Dr Ian Paisley, of the Democratic Unionist Party, have made it clear they will not talk until the Government declares in advance that it is prepared to replace the Anglo-Irish Agreement and then agree to suspend the Anglo-Irish Conference and Secretariat.

Mr John Hume, leader of the national-

ist Social Democratic and Labour Party, is prepared to talk but only if the agreement is left untouched. Dublin, meanwhile, remains nervous of any attempts by the Government to accede to Unionist demands, particularly over suspension of the secretariat. There has been no sign of the required fundamental shift in any of the parties that would enable Mr Brooke to break out of this

In addition, this week's decision by the Irish Supreme Court not to extradite two escaped prisocers, and an earlier decision reaffirming the Republic of Ireland's territorial claim over the Six Counties, have made it even more difficult for Unionists to consider

The party leaders have remained restrained. In the lower ranks, however, Unionists are no longer disguising their hopes that Mr Brooke will fail, Government sources seem anxious to point out that, however difficult it may be to see

from outside, there is a process of ful of past errors, the Government is "political maturing" going on.

The government is encouraged most by what officials regard as a common desire among the constitutional party leaders in the North, and Mr Charles Haughey, the Irish Prime Minister, for talks and for progress, even if no one can agree in advance what such talks might

The Government believes the three main parties in Northern Ireland are largely in agreement that power in some form must return to Belfast, and each recognizes that they must talk with each other as well as with Dublin and London

Official sources emphasize that, mind-

adopting a cautious "enabling" approach and great care will be taken to ensure that even if the process temporarily runs out of steam, it will not be allowed to grind to an indefinite halt and thereby make future initiatives have to

start from square one. Officials believe the present phase of "exploratory" discussions will reach a conclusion some time io May or July when there may be an attempt to proceed or to put the process oo hold. As an example of the positive attitude

among Unionist leaders in particular, officials quote the decision by both Dr Paisley and Mr Molyneaux not to succumb to the temptation to use the

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out of the whole process when they mee Mr Brooke.

The widow of Mr Harold McConlor the Ulster Unionist MP who died of cancer last month, is seeking to replace

him in the House of Commons. Mrs Jennifer McCusker said she wie to seek the party's nomination for her late husband's Upper Bana constituency. She said her move came after

approaches by friends and supporters. Mrs McCusker was for many years her busband's agent and secretary and largely looked after the constituency in his declining months.

Mr McCusker had a majority of 17,361 at the last general election.

privacy law to stop press intrusions

A reporter and photographer his consent. He was in no fit who gatecrashed their way state to agree to what hap-into the hospital room of pened and, within 15 minutes, Gorden Kaye the 'Allo 'Allo after security staff had thrown star were guilty of a "mou- the reporting team out, he had

his fellow Court of Appeal judges, Lords Justices Glidewell and Leggatt, said that what happened to Mr Kaye highlighted the need for new laws to protect the privacy of

The judges issued a court order restricting what the Sunday Sport can publish as a recovering from brain injuries received when a piece of wood smashed through the windscreen of his car during the January gales.

The court banned the Sunday Sport from publishing a right to be left alone by anything indicating that Mr strangers with no public in-Kaye had consented to the interview and photographs on he when he lies in hospital the ground that the actor had recovering from brain surgery an arguable case that this and in oo more than partial would be "malicious command of his faculties. It is

However the judges allowed the paper's appeal against a plaint. Yet it alone, however ranging ban granted hy a High Court judge on other grounds, including alleged libel and trespass to the person. The High Court had imposed a total ban on publication of any photograph taken of Mr Kaye, and any statement made by him, at the hospital.

Lord Justice Glidewell said that on February 13 the reporter and photographer from the Sunday Sport described in court as a lurid and sensational paper which of press freedom could only be advertised pornographic ma- ensured by the enforcement of terial - ignored notices a right to privacy. specifying who could visit Mr That right had been long Kaye. They interviewed him disregarded and laws were

strons invasion of privacy", a senior judge said yesterday.

Lord Justice Bingham and graphic illustration of the graphic illustration of the desirability of Parliament considering whether and in what circumstances statutory provision can be made to protect the privacy of individ-

Lord Justice Bingham said the case illustrated the law's failure to protect the personal privacy of individual citizens.

The defendants' conduct toresult of its reporting team's "The defendants' conduct to-unauthorized visit to Mr Kaye wards Mr Kaye was a monin Charing Cross Hospital, strous invasion of his pri-central London, where he was vacy," he said. vacy," he said. Mr Andrew Robertson, the

paper's editor, had described the interview as "a great oldfashioned scoop" However Lord Justice Bing-

ham said: "If ever a persoo has terest to pursue, it must surely this invasion of his privacy which underlies this comgross, does not entitle him to relief in English law."

Mr Kaye was entitled only to a limited injunction, pending a full hearing of his complaint, because he had an arguable case that it would be a malicious falsehood to state that he had given his consent. Lord Justice Leggatt said

the time had come for shortcomings in the law relating to people's privacy to be put right. Protectioo against abuse

and took photographs without needed quickly on the issue.

Judges back | The unlikely revolutionaries of Bishop's Green

By Ray Clancy

The village of Bishop's Green in Berkshire is the least likely spawning ground for revolu-

tionaries imaginable. Yet hand-painted "fight the poll tax" posters were evident in almost every window of the village yesterday. The revolt had begun in the local shop, where residents were only too ready to sign a petition as they bought bread and milk.

Nestling in the rolling hills between the Tory strongholds of Newbury in Berkshire and Basingstoke in Hampshire, the village has become a blot on the Conservative landscape, with over 200 of its 300 inhabitants declaring that they will oot pay the tax.

Over the garden fences, the main topic of conversation is the community charge.

Mr Ron Allan, who runs the village's only shop, started up the anti-poll tax petition two weeks ago, without realizing he was sparking a revolution.

"The strength of feeling has amazed me. Many of us would rather go to prison than pay. People come in for a pint of milk and sign the petition. They all tell me they won't be paying," Mr Allan said. He used to pay £700 in rates, but now faces a bill of almost £3,000 because of the new system of business rates.

The reason for the disquiet

is easy to pinpoint. The village has no street lights, no post office, no telephone box, no newspaper delivery service, no pub and just one bus a day. Most of the council houses have peeling paint and the once bright froot doors are drab. Refuse is collected once a week but, somehow, heaps of cardboard boxes in the gutters are missed and a large skip in the village square is overflowing with everything from dried-up old Christmas

litter bin is outside the village street to a neighbour's house her hisband used to pay £28 a their jobs, it seems you are shop and the swings in the you need a torch. I don't see week in rent and rates. To pay better off unemployed, it will children's playground are why we should pay. I won't the £329 poll tax set by pay," said Mrs Patricia Price Basingstoke and Deane Bor-"We have nothing here. It is aged 36, :who has lived in ough Counil they will oeed to lethal after dark for the child- Bishop's Green for II years find another £10 a week. "We trees to black bags full of ren, especially in the winter. If and has four children aged simply can't afford it. No

Villagers of Bishop's Green in Berkahire gather under the banner proclaiming their defiance. The village has few amenities. mean less at Christmas for all of us. Holidays? That's a joke We never have one," Mrs Price said.

The villagers have been

way of any bailiffs sent by the council 10 seize the pos-Mrs Carole Banks, aged 28, who has lived in the village for

make us pay. I don't see how they can if we haven't got the money. "The services don't exist here so why should we pay the same as everybody else? If

eight years, said: "They can't.

they send the bailiffs here they will find us waiting. Mrs Rozia Stockwell and her husband are equally reso-

lute. "With two small children

we have about £40 a week

after the rent is paid. How are we supposed to pay over £650 in poli tax?" she said. Mr Charlie Housell, aged 59, has only the simple plea-sure of walking his dog Cindy for amusement. "There are no amenities here. When I take the hus into Newbury to collect my invalidity benefit it

costs me almost £2.50 in fares, so I only go out of the village when I need to get the money," he said. His one-bedroomed house is opposite the village shop, and he has become an anthority on who is going to pay the poll tax and who is not. He often goes into the shop to

petition. The poll tax is just going to make the rich richer and people like us poorer. It is a disgrace. If I want to make a telephooe call I have to walk two miles, which is very. difficult for me," Mr Hounsell, who is disabled, said.

encourage people to sign the

There are no anti-poll tax posters behind the high wire. fence that separates the village from a handful of houses where the families of American servicemen, who work at Greenham Commoo near by live. A large signs says that those houses are on a private Councils double charges for second-home owners

Global warming is 'main Green issue'

By Kerry Gill

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Global warming was the most time they are sure, it will be "green" campaigners, one of the movement's leading figures said yesterday.

Mr George Campbell, development officer of the Scottish Green Party, said he was convinced that the recent unusual weather trends, such as milder winters, record rainfall, drought and hurricanes, were a result of the way the earth was being

He told the party's anoual conference in Giasgow: "Science, of course, is saying that it is too early to tell, and that more research needs to be that we develop our environdone before they can really be mental potential positively, sure. Unfortunately, by the she said.

too late.

"We should at every attempt draw the political debate to the time-bomb that is global warming. As Greens who take the long-term view on progress, that is the most imperative issue we face."

Lindsay, the national con-venor for the Campaign for a Scottish Assembly, said Scotland had great environmental opportunities and problems.

"We need to develop appropriate policies in transport, energy, agriculture, forestry, fishing and planning to ensure

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Wales will have to pay doe poll tax bills regardless of the size of the property or the amount of time they use it, according to a survey by The Times (Ray Clancy writes). The charges vary from £380

in the Brecon Beacons in Powys to the £790 being levied by Torbay Borough Council, Devon, which covers the "English Riveria" resorts of Torquay and Paiguton.
It is up to each local

authority to decide how much to charge on empty property, holiday homes and second homes up to a maximum of twice the personal charge. Almost all have opted for the maximum on second homes. No distinction is drawn between a weekend cottage, a pied-à-terre for business in the

city, a bungalow in a seaside resort or a flat. As long as it is furnished, the owner is liable in most cases to pay double. Each council has drawn up

moved away but are having difficulty selling their property and those required to live in an area because of their job.

which has about 4,500 second and holiday homes, has de-cided to charge £744, twice the personal charge, but it is willing to look at cases where a person is required to stay elsewhere because of employment.

Property that is unfurnished and empty is likely to be exempt from poll tax for the first three months. Holiday or second homes where planning restrictions prevent year-round habitation or which are undergoing structural repairs and some councils are charg-

three mouths after probate has been granted but some councils are willing to extend that period if a family is having

gennine difficulty selling ap.
In Cornwall, Devon and Dorset, three of the most popular areas with secondhome owners the double pell tax bills are much higher than average rates last year.

North Cornwall District Council is charging £600, yet average rates last year were 2320. Bournementh Borough Council will collect about £1.28 million from its 2,000 second-home owners who face bills of £640.

Owners of beach huts in King's Lyan, Norfolk, will pay only the personal charge but the area's 3,000 second-home are not liable for poll tax but it worse off under the tax.

the Gower peninsula, West Glamorgan, to £481.

council in Nottinghamshire is only levying a single personal charge, which is £394 on second home owners and half that for owners of riverside In Scotland, where the poll

tax was introduced a year ago, most councils charged a double amount on second homes but have reduced that for sonal charge. 1990/91 to a single charge or one and a half times it.

Throughout the country, property used for holiday let-ting for 140 days a year or more is subject to the new uniform business rate.

property should be exempt for charge amounts to £700 and on ness rates by higher charges. Boroughs in London are set to collect millions of pounds However, Rushcliffe district from second home owners

who are mostly businessme working in the City during the week and MPs who have homes in their consituency. Westminster City Council, which has set one of the lowest

poll taxes in the country at £195, is confident of collecting £5 million from second-house owners paying double the per-• Poli tax losers far out-

number winners in Scotland's biggest region, according to a survey by Strathclyde University's Department of Government published yesterday. It shows that residents in 15 of Caravans on holiday sites Strathclyde's 19 districts are

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PARLIAMENT

Fowler says child benefit must not wither away Child benefit should neither be

abolished nor allowed to wither away, Sir Norman Fowler, foraway, Sir Norman Fowler, Normer Secretary of State for Employment and fur Social Services, argued in his first Commons speech since resigning from the Cabinet in January.

In a debate on family policy he also said that in his Budget next week, Mr John Major should abolish the tax on the fringe benefit of workplace Mr Timothy Raison (Ayles-

bury, C), a former Home Office minister, opening the debate, said that a coherent and all-embracing family policy was needed. The traditional institution of marriage was still the best mechanism for bringing up Britain, with Denmark, had the highest divorce rate in the

European Community. A high proportion of crime was committed by people from broken homes. A campaign for mar-riage could be at least as valuable as one against drugtaking and Aids. He did not know that it was

right to adopt a no-fault policy in divorce. The middle-aged man who abandoned his wife in favour of a pretty young girl did ponsibility. A case was put forward for tax

relief on nursery or day care for working mothers, but why tip the balance in favour of mothers who were working and therefore also in receipt of an income? Child benefit had strong advantages. It was neutral and went to all mothers, whether

working or not. "If we increased child benefit **FAMILY POLICY**

by enough it could go to help the unmarried mothers and single parents, who exist in such large numbers, without spotlighting them and without having in find a specific benefit to support

grumbling about child benefit on the grounds that it is indiscriminate, yet to support tax allowances of all shapes and sizeswhich are, to put it mildly, indiscriminate except that in most cases they discriminate in favour of the better off."

Child benefit had to be uprated if it was to be meaningful, but there was a case for something more dramatic. "It would be possible to double child benefit if we were

to scrap the tax allowance to married couples and unmarried couples without children. "The case for those who have children to receive this benefit rather than those who are married, is a very powerful one. That would out happen over-night. It should be phased in,

Sir Norman Fowler (Sutton Coldfield, C) said that it was one thing not to uprate child benefit over one or two years, but another to make that a permanent policy. He would oppose

but that is the direction to move

"I would certainly oppose the abolition of child benefit and I would oppose a policy of allowing it simply to wither away." It would be a serious error to



Mrs Currie: Sucering at working mothers is wrong. abandon child benefit. It was a popular benefit.

The tax on workplace ours-eries should be abolished in next week's Budget. Since early 1985, employers' subsidies to workplace nurseries had been taxed as a fringe benefit. It was wrong to say that

momen who worked were unable to bring up their families. It was very much in the interests of the Government and the country that women should go Government policy should

aim to make it easier for women to raise families and pursue a career, if that was what women chose. That was one of the most profound challenges of the 1990s. It was a challenge that he hoped the Government could

Dr John Reid (Motherwell North, Lab) said that if children

jungle nne could not be sur-prised when they behaved like animals. That was what had happened to many children, The poll tax was a feud-taking and family-breaking making and family-breaking tax. Children in Scotland were being told: "Pay up or pack up." Mrs Edwing Carrie (South Derbyshire, C), the former health minister, said that she was not convinced that higher child benefits were the best way

Help could be better directed to the poorest families. Tax relief nn child care would cost far less than the £5 billion on child benefit.

to help families with children.

The six-fold increase in the divorce rate since 1970 was appalling. It was painful and affected an enormous oumber of children. Four hundred children a day went through parents' divorce and this was a national tragedy.

Anyone who sneered at workmothers was wrong. A fulfilled woman was a happy woman and a happy woman often made a happy family. "My family would never find it acceptable if I was stock at home She did not want to pressure

women to work. There should be a choice. But if the care of children was so important, it should not be left to women. Children needed both parents.

resolved to the satisfaction of the wife combining care of the family and work was another matter. Wives would like more help. "I exclude my husband from this because he is super. "In the end we know who is being selfish. It is not women

going out to work. It is the chap who comes home, thinks that everything is done without his help or intervention, expects warm slippers, a hot supper and dare I say, a steaming bed afterwards. There will be some women who find fulfilment in providing it. Some of us try to do that with a job as well."

Eighty per cent of new jobs being created would have to be filled by women in the next five years, but polis showed that a high proportion of women would be prepared to return to work if there was some child care provision.

Workplace nurseries were not the complete answer. They in-volved long journeys and a child had to find somewhere else after the age of five.

Child care vouchers were a better idea. They were not convertible into cash. They were flexible. The problem was that they were taxed even more heavily than workplace benefit. Mr Frank Field (Birkenhead,

Lab) said that if families and

individuals were to be freed from the trap of means-tested weifare, unpleasant decisions would have to be taken. More than 70 per cent of women worked. A majority of women with children worked. That meant that the majority of families had resolved many of the rate for means-tested support by the same proportion.

port by the same proportion.

A large increase in child benefit, for example, should not be matched by increasing in-come support to the same level. otherwise there would be no chance of taking families off means-tested welfare. Mr Julian Brazier (Canter-bury, C) said that he was opposed to tax relief on child care facilities. It would be better

to permit tax allowances for mothers, whose husbands were working to be transferred to the busbands. Miss Jean Lester, Opposition spokesman on children, said that there was a danger that if employers provided child care provision for working mothers they might remove it in time of recession. It was better to have a covernment.

Government co-ordinated Child benefit should be uprated in the Budget. The universal concept of the benefit

should be preserved. She was also concerned at the addiction of many children to fruit machines, causing them to play truent from school. The parents of young gamblers were very worried about what was

happening to their children. Mr John Patten, Minister of
State, Home Office, said that he
was prepared to shoulder the
blame for many things, but not
for having failed to prevent
people from parting "But we
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to do all we possibly can for those trying not to part." Marriages may be made in Heaven, but government could help with the maintenance

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Government scientists yes- will not be possible to enforce through" in the search for a any means of testing whether reliable method of testing foodstuffs have been whether food has been irradiated. irradiated.

McMurray, Chief Scientific Officer at the Department of Agriculture io Belfast, said.

The absence of a reliable whether poultry containing test has been one of the main bone has been irradiated. arguments used by those opposed to irradiation, a process which the Government maintains could significantly reduce food poisoning.

is allowed only for sterilizing certain hospital diets. The Government however intends to permit wider use of the technology under proper controls. It is already permitted in

Mr John Gummer, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, has promised that all irradiated food will be clearly labelled (even restaurants will have to state on their menus be able to announce "signifi-

terday announced a "break- labelling regulations without

Dr McMurray and research-"We are making very ers at the department's labsubstantial progress in detec-tion techniques," Dr Cecil sity, where a large part of research oo food irradiation is carried out, say they have found a way of determining

Using a technique known as electron spio resonance spectroscopy, they are able to detect the presence of stable free radicals - unpaired elec-At present food irradiation trops - in the bone, which are induced by irradiation and would not be there if the meat had not been treated.

> Further research is being done to see whether it will be possible to measure the exact dose of irradiation administered. Researchers are confident their testing method will produce results "robust enough" to stand up in court.

whether they are using any) so cant new developments in the near future". These are to be disclosed in the scientific jour-Critics of irradiatioo say it nal Nature. Dr McMurray said

it might be possible to use the same testing technique to pick up the free radicals in micro-scopic fragments of shell in shellfish.

There are also other techniques which could have an application for a wider range of foods," be said.

The scientists say irradiation has been proved to destroy salmonella and listeria bacteria in poultry at a level of dosage that poses no threat to

They believe the technique could also be used commercially to kill spoilage bacteria, prolonging the shelf life of certain fruit and vegetables. Research is being done in Belfast on using irradiation to prevent mushrooms from continuing to grow after

At present the testing equipment is cumbersome and expeosive, costing about £100,000. Trading Standards officers would thus have to take food samples away from supermarkets and restaurants

Dr McMurray said other techniques being developed could make it possible to produce a portable testing kit.

Surgery sets crippled soldier on his feet

Romanian revolution bas been helped to walk again by a unique operation by surgeons in a London hospital.

Sergeant Orlando Draga, aged 19, was crippled by a high-velocity, exploding bullet while defending a munitions store in Bucharest. The bullet shattered the sciatic nerve, the main oerve in the thigh, in his left leg.

He was flown to Britain for advanced microvascular surgery after an appeal to the Department of Health from the Romanian Ministry of Defence. The operation was carried out by Professor Angus McGrouther, Britain's only professor of plastic surgery, at University College Hospital, London.

"He was lucky not to have bled to death after being shot," Professor McGroother said yesterday."His leg was para-lyzed and be would have been crippled for life had he not received this surgery."

The sciatic nerve controls muscles in the thigh and provides sensation to the sole of the foot. In the operation, a 5in length of sural nerve in the calf was removed, cut into sections and transplanted into the gap in the sciatic nerve. Removal of part of the sural nerve does not seriously impair walking ability.

The surgery, performed with the aid of an operating microscope, involved matching thousands of fibres within



Sergeant Draga, who should be walking unaided within six months, being examined by Professor McGroather ye the sciatic nerve. It was the sponsors Professor McGrout- tors predict he will be able to the professor and all the

tion Sergeant Draga can move his ankles and toes and feeling

first time the technique was used in Britain for a bullet wound, and the work was funded by the hospital's Phoe-

walk without crutches within doctors and ourses. her's research programme. six months. Five weeks after the opera-

"Every day I feel better," been invited to Romania to the soldier said through an teach his reconstructive surhas returned to his feet. Doc- interpreter. "I want to thank gery techniques.

Professor McGrouther has

Aids threat

Edinburgh 'could soon see epidemic'

By Kerry Gill

A new Aids epidemic could ordinator of Lothian Health break out in Edinburgh in a Board, said the oumber of few years, it was predicted drug abusers contracting the yesterday at a conference oo virus in the region had stadrugs and HTV infection,

Dr Ray Brettle, of the City Hospital, Edinburgh, said peak oumbers of drug abusers mid-1980s. had contracted the virus in average time for infection to develop into full-blown Aids was about eight years, be said, a new wave of cases could emerge soon.

Edinburgh has one of the worst records of HIV infectioo in any European city. This is largely due to the widespread habit among drug addicts in the Scottish capital of sharing needles, in spite of schemes to encourage free needle

All-Party Parliamentary coming years. Group on Aids, called for drug abusers to belp reduce the spread of the virus.

He also appealed for more funds for research in Edin-"Tragically, this is probably the only place where you can study transmissioo of the virus," he said.

Dr Gavin Strang, Labour MP for Edinburgh East, said it was "rubbish" to suggest that the HIV virus could oot be transmitted heterosexually. "It is clear that some of the earlier predictioos were too high, but there is oo doubt that the virus is being transmitted through beterosexual practic-

Dr Strang also said a significant oumber of heterosexual men appeared to adopt homosexual practices io prison, contributing to the spread of

Dr George Bath, Aids co-

bilized to an increase of some 5 per cent a year, compared with the rapid explosion of the

However he warned: Edinburgh during 1983. As the "There can be absolutely oo confidence that the situation will remain as such."

At the meeting medical authorities expressed concern that some beterosexuals were refusing to change their sexual behaviour after claims that the disease could oot be spread through normal sexual

activity.

Mr Michael Forsyth, Health Minister at the Scottish Office, said there would be a substanexchanges.

Dr Brettle, speaking to the Aids cases and deaths in the

The Government's intenfacilities were in place when and where they were needed. With this io mind, the Scottish Office had increased allocations to £15 million to enable boards to deal with the

 Health boards should be prepared to offer simple apologies to aggrieved patieots, rather than assuming that any admissioo of fault could lead to court action, the new Health Service Commissigoer for Scotland said last

Mr William Reid, making bis first public speech in Peebles, said: "A remedy, such as a simple apology or a change in procedure, is by no means always offered. There is not yet universal readiness to tell the individual that a complaint can be pursued further through my office."



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Landmark verdict due on rare house

By John Young

The Department of the Environment will announce a decision soon on whether to allow the demolition of a rare and remarkable example of unspoilt Victorian neo-Gothic

The Grange, at Bishop's Cleeve, near Cheltenham, was built in 1865 and retains many of the original interior fea-

The exterior is described by the conservation group, Save Britain's Heritage, as "a plethorn of neo-Gothic detail with its leaded and mullioned windows, pointed arched doorways, carved foliate capitals, and iron-studded doorways of horror-story proportions."

In 1988 the house and the surrounding parkland were acquired by the Eagle Star insurance group for its new headquarters. Planning per-mission was granted by mission was granted by Tewkesbury District Council last year but a resident colony

delayed its demolition. In the meantime, cooservationists successfully applied to the department for the house to be spot-listed as of historical and architectural interest.

Eagle Star has since applied for the house to be de-listed. Save Britain's Heritage describes the impending decision as having serious implications

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for Shamir after defeat in Knesset

From Richard Owen, Jerusalem

Moves were under way yes-not to attend the vote at all — central role in manocurving to terday in a demoralized Likud which brought down Mr form a new government. Minister, brought down late on Thursday hy a Knesset the peace question. vote of no confidence.

Despite last-minute manocuvring by Mr Shamir to Mr Shamir was doomed when the cameras panned empty powerful religious parties, he Shas chairs in the Knesset. became the first Israeli leader Without their votes Mr. to fall hy such means. The challenge to his leadership of Likud comes from the right, led by Mr Ariel Sharon, the former general.

Meanwhile, a juhilant Mr Shimon Peres, the Labour leader, announced that he intended to form a government with the purpose of salvaging the proposed Israeli-Palestinian dialogue in Cairo. He immediately started nego-tiations with the Orthodox Jewish groups which hold the balance of power.

If there was a dominant image in this week's political drama, which gripped most of the nation, it was the sight of one official limousine after another pulling up on Thurs-day afternoon outside the Jerusalem home of Rabbi Ovadia Yosef, the former Chief Rabbi.

First in the queue was Mr Shamir, who together with most of the Likud front bench abandoned the Knesset in a bid to delay the crucial vote while he woord Shas, the religious party of which Rabhi

were struck. But in the end it deputies to abstain - indeed. They will have an even more

the peace question.

Most Israelis, watching the Without their votes, Mr Shamir could not surivive.

Yesterday, the eve of the Jewish Sabbath, this overt



Mr Sharon: Dominated the stormy Knesset debate.

display of clerical power was taken up in the secular Israeli press. "If the state of Israel is really ruled by Rabbi Yosef and not by Likud or Labour Hadashot commented, "what does it matter if Shimon knocks out Yitzhak or vice

The Israeli electoral system, Yosef is the spiritual head, and the resulting Knesset talks.
Hard on his heels came the arithmetic, has given the re-Labour leaders for talks ligious parties - Shas, Degel centred on the US peace plan. Hatorah, Agudat Israel and No one knows what deals the National Religious Party - a vital role since the last was the decision by most Shas elections in November, 1988.

which brought down Mr form a new government. party to stage a "palace Shamir. Although many of the revolution" against Mr Yit- Orthodox leaders are rightzhak Shamir, the Israeli Prime wing, a surprising number and Likud, but also with Shas

> Mr Peres was confident that he could form a government. televised debate, realized that Influenced perhaps by the Mr Shamir was doorned when the cameras panned empty Labour leader spoke of gaining a majority of 70 sears in the 120-member Knesset, 10 more than he obtained in the no confidence vote. He said a Labour-led administration would pay more towards re-ligious education and would be attentive to Orthodox

> > But in a more sober atmosphere yesterday even Lab-our sources said that Mr Peres's chances of forming a new government were far from a foregone conclusion.

sensitivities.

A glance at the Labour front bench on Thursday showed men of considerable weight and experience - Mr Yitzhak Rabin, Mr Ezra Weizman, Mr Mordechai Gur - who led Israel to victory in the Six-Day War of 1967.

Conversely Likud has few such ex-warriors in its front ranks, in a country where military service is central to society. The one Likud figure who can match Labour in this sense is Mr Sharon, a great bear of a man who on Thursday managed to dominate even the stormy debating chamber with a passionate speech opposing the peace

The other Likud challengers for Mr Shamir's mantle are Mr David Levy, the Deputy Prime Minister, and Mi Moshe Arens, the US-educated Foreign Minister.

Likud knives out | Sizzling colour to beat winter blues | Singh in



Stepping out in style, Paris models flaunting the latest creations for autumn tious and perfectly suited to the adoles-cent girls Lagerfeld now favours as and winter of world fashion maestros yesterday. Hot pants and scarcely-there minis, predicted to be the fashionable voman's staples this summer, are now being carried through into the later collections (Renter reports from Paris). Thick tights and thigh boots are the only concessions designers are making to the

In hright mauve, pink, red and jade, weather. these frock coats were framed in black, Karl Lagerfeld, the West German worn over dark tights, clearing an inch of

schoolgirl mini or topping high suede femininity. The look was leggy, flirta-Earlier yesterday the classic designer Hubert de Givenchy reminded buyers what Paris fashion is traditionally all

models. That archetypal Lagerfeld creation, the wasp-waisted jacket with about with a sophisticated preview. Models teetered by in sexy leather pencil asymmetric lapels, scooped bems and sharply sloping pockets, left, was cut shorter and sharper than ever. skirts, stiletto heels and padded-shoul-dered jackets which bucked the current trend for natural contours and softer silhouettes. His leopard print cocktail dress, right, was part of the collection.

crisis as deputy resigns

From Coomi Kapoor Delhi

After less than four months, the Government of Mr V.P. Singh was plunged into crisis yesterday with the resignation of the Deputy Prime Minister, Mr Devi Lal.

The 75-year-old Mr Lal resigned in protest against growing pressure within his Janata Dal Party to force his son, Mr Om Prakash Chautala, to resign as Chief Minister of the small north Indian state of Haryana.

Mr Chautala has been accused by the press and some members of his own party of misuse of official machinery and vote-rigging in a recent by-election. The election was countermanded by the Elec-tion Commission for widespread malpractices.

Mr Lal's supporters claim that he was being vilified by the press. He himself was angry that his party rival, Mr Ajit Singh, who has called for Mr Chautala's resignation, was not reprimanded by the Janata Dal bosses.

Mr Lal's resignation is interpreted as a means of trying to force the Prime Minister's hand in allowing Mr Chautala to continue as Chief Minister. Mr V.P. Singh is in an extremely precarious position since his minority National Front Government, with only 142 out of 525 seats in Parliament, survives thanks to the support of the Communist Party and the pro-Hindu Bharatiya Janata party. The Government's allies have also been pressing for Mr Chau-tala's resignation.

Mr Rajiv Gandhi's Congress party is delighted with events, for it feels that if Mr Lal is sufficiently angry he could quit the party and bring

US digs in against forcing boat people home

The United States has made it clear to Britain that it remains adamantly opposed to forcible repatriation from Hong Kong of Vietnamese boat people not accepted as refugees.

As Mr Richard Solomon, Assistant Secretary for East Asian and Pacific Affairs at the State Department, left London yesterday after talks US, as Britain claims, had at the Foreign Office, senior US officials said the US would never agree to involuntary

"I think you know what is carved in there at the base of the Statue of Liberty," one official declared.

"This is an absolutely fun-

US from the re-education camps of Vietnam."

The statement is certain to disconcert Foreign Office ministers, who have recently been hinting at a softening of the US attitude.

Mr Solomon denied that the accepted the principle of man-

datory repatriation could be datory repatriation itself. allowed to go forward" after that, provided there were no volunteers and there was adequate screening, counselling and monitoring machinery.

the last meeting of the 30- screening of new arrivals in nation steering committee on Hong Kong, and deportation

damental principle for the Indochinese Refugees in Janu- within six weeks of those who should there be a massive new down under pressure from American people – including ary. At that meeting, the chief failed to qualify for refugee influx of boat people, those who have come to the US delegate said that while status. Britain claimed that • HONG KONG: Washington insisted on a 12-month moratorium, "man- over timing, not over manover timing, not over man-

> Yesterday, however, the US official insisted that Washthis month they would resort the draft has been watered China repealing it altogether.

terday criticized as "just window dressing" a draft Bill of Rights presented by the Hong Kong Government in an effort to calm fears of Chinese repression after 1997 (Jonathan Braude writes).

Peking and does little to

In January China warned it would repeal any Bill which claimed "supremacy" over other local laws, claiming that only the Basie Law, Hong Kong's post-1997 mini-con-stitution, could have supremacy.

Although the Secretary for Constitutional Affairs, Mr could not be amended to

WORLD ROUNDUP

Collor launches economic reform

Rio de Janeiro - President Collor de Mello held his first Cahinet meeting early yesterday and announced a sweeping programme of "national reconstruction" (Mac Margolis writes). The package of measures, many of which must be approved by Congress, are designed to open up the Brazilian economy, long ruled by rigid price controls and restrictions on imports and foreign capital.

Despite earlier denials by Senhor Collor of a price freeze, which he branded "a magic solution used by incompetent governments", the reform also features a 30-day price freeze, followed hy staged increases in wages and prices. He also abolished the cruzado, Brazil's inflation-battered currency, and resurrected the cruzeiro. To eradicate inflation, Senhor Collor announced that he will by year's end "totally eliminate the public deficit", which is £18.7 billion.

China attacks press

Peking (Reuter) - China launched a harsh attack on resident foreign journalists yesterday, accusing them of victimizing the Government here and undermining social stability. The criticism, printed by the People's Daily, was in response to a protest made to the authorities by journalists against police surveillance of their movements and harassment of their Chinese contacts. The criticism accused unnamed foreign correspondents of "cooking up and spreading rumours" to provide "forces hostile to China" with excuses to attack Peking on human rights grounds.

Working hours cut

Tokyo (Reuter) — The Japanese Government yesterday gave the five-day working week to all state employees. Ministers approved a plan cutting weekly working to 40 hours or five days for all types of public sector shift workers, including prison guards, police officers and hospital staff. The five-day week will be reassessed in six months.

● Bonn: West Germany's powerful engineering union, IG Metall, has won a 35-hour week in the face of a vigorous advertising campaign by employers to prevent further cuts in working hours (Ian Murray writes).

French convict Astiz

Paris (AP) — An Argentine naval officer was tried in absentia and convicted in a court here yesterday for the abduction and torture of two French nuns killed in Argentina in 1977. Never before, according to legal experts, has someone been convicted abroad for crimes committed in his own country for which he has been granted amnesty. Alfredo Astiz, aged 40, known to rights groups as "the Angel of Death", was sentenced to life imprisonment. One of many amnestied in 1987 hy President Alfonsin to consolidate civilian rule, he is unlikely to be extradited.

Plastic cash flow

Sydney (Renter) - Filthy lucre in Australia will soon be cleaner as grimy paper money is replaced by longer-lasting plastic notes. Australia's Reserve Bank said vesterday that following the successful trial of its new \$Aus 10 (£4,70) note - the world's first plastic banknote - it would move to replace other denominations over the next few years. The polymer substrate \$Aus 10 note, launched in 1988, depicts the British arrival on board ships 202 years ago on one side, and a young Aboriginal man on the other.

Buyer ghost-busted New York (AP) - When Mr Jeffrey Stambovsky was buying

a house, he did not check it for ghosts. Once he found that the house is allegedly haunted by three 18th-century spirits. he decided he did not want it and tried to recover his \$32,500 (£20,000) deposit. But a state judge has ruled that he cannot do so since Miss Helen Ackley, the owner, had no legal duty to tell him that the house was haunted.

Royal visit to Berlin

Oueen Elizabeth the Queen Mother will celebrate St Patrick's Day in Berlin this afternoon with the traditional presentation of shamrock to the Irish Guards. She arrived in Berlin yesterday afternoon for the start of a three-day visit. It concludes tomorrow with a visit to the Light Infantry, of which she is Colonel-in-Chief, and a meeting with the soldiers' families after church. Security forces are expected to be on maximum alert throughout the visit

Pro-Iran terrorists threaten Soviet Jewish immigrants

From Christopher Walker, Cairo

dle East were vesterday treat- more Palestinians will soon be ing seriously seriousness a threat by a pro-Iranian terrorist group to attack airports, the newcomers. Concern esairlines and planes in a drive calated when Israel recently to halt the massive migration of Soviet Jews to Israel.

The Islamic Jihad for the Liberation of Palestine, the pro-Iranian militants holding three of the 17 Western hostages in Lebanon, also declared in its communique that its three American hostages would be executed if the American Administration did not meet its demands.

The extremist group, which authenticated its statement with recent photographs of two of the three Americans it is holding, stated: "Our people shall not stand handcuffed in front of this conspiracy." The threat was issued in a

communique sent 10 the independent Beirut daily .in-Valur. "All airports, airlines. planes and offices which will help in their direct transport will be a direct target for us",

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The flood of Soviet Jews has sparked an uproar in the Arab

forced out of the occupied West Bank to make room for imposed military censorship on all reporting of the story

from inside Israel, including descriptions of the routes used hy the emigrants. Opening a Security Council debate on alleged Israeli moves to settle Soviet im-

migrants on occupied land, Mr Alexander Belonogov, the



Mr Carter: Optimistic over the hostages' release.

Security officials in the Mid- world and increased fears that Soviet Ambassador, said the policy was a threat to human rights, violated international law and promoted "confronta-

> But he said that 10 stop Jews from leaving for Israel was not the answer "because it would violate (Soviet) rights and freedoms

 DAMASCUS: The former US President, Mr Jimmy Carier, said here yesterday that chances seem better than ever for the release of foreign hostages in Lebanon, and that President Assad of Syria re-peated vows to help win their

Mr Carter made the comments on the fifth anniversary of the kidnapping in west Beirut of the US journalist, Westerners who are missing in

Lebanon. PARIS: Jean-Paul Kanffmann and Roger Augue, former French hostages, were hlindfolded and chained themselves to a tree opposite the Iranian Embassy here to protest at the continued

tion and extremism".

freedom (AP reports). Terry Anderson, aged 42, the longes1-held of the 18

captivity of Terry Anderson.

ington had agreed only to look

at other ways, such as the creation of holding camps in That meeting broke down the Philippines, of helping over the refusal of the US and deal with the question of those Vietnam to accept a com- who had been "screened out" insisting on a delay of 12 promise which would have but were not prepared to will enshrine internationally Michael Suen, claimed the Bill months to let voluntary mea- permitted mandatory repatri- return voluntarily. He also recognized human rights in sures work. That appears to ations to restart after six made clear Washington's total Hong Kong law and make it conflict with the International represent a hardening of months, if voluntary measures opposition to emergency mea- possible for local people to Covenant on Civil and Pol-

HONG KONG: Leading ensure human rights will be politicians and lawyers yesprotected under Chinese rule.

The Bill, promised by Britain after last year's hloody

military crackdown in China, Washington's position since were unsuccessful, with rapid sures to which British Gov- defend their rights in the itical Rights, he admitted erament sources said earlier courts. However, critics say there was nothing to stop

De Klerk's brother weighs up future

Black rule seen as inevitable

From Gavin Bell, Johanneshurg

and a senior political consultant close to the South African Government, believes that hlack majority rule is in-evitable and that attempts to resist it would be futile and irresponsible.

He is also suggesting that the Government abandon its concept of racial groupings as the political foundation of a post-apartheid society. His views go far beyond

current policy, but analysts believe they may presage eventual shifts by Pretoria. Mr de Klerk is a leading member of the Broederbond, the powerful Afrikaner society whose recommendations have been reflected repeatedly in government strategies. He has also acted as a discreet conduit between Pretoria and the African National Congress.

The Government at present rules out a Westminster-style democracy, which would lead inevitably to hlack majority rule, and advocates powersharing on the basis of racial group rights. Dr Gerrit Viljoen, the Minister for

Mr Willem de Klerk, the elder Constitutional Development, is looking critically at its race brother of President de Klerk said recently that the point of departure for future negotiations was that there should be separate voters' rolls for every

However Mr de Klerk, writing in an academie review, says whites must be prepared to accept a black majority government and hlacks must relinquish Marxist-socialist ideals in favour of democracy based on Western models.

Addressing the anxieties of whites, he says: "The root of all these fears is that a black majority government is inevitable in the future. To resist it would be a battle that the whites have no hope of winning. I am finally convinced of this. To become involved in a prolonged battle against this prospect would be irresponsible towards the country, towards the future of whites, and towards all the people in South Africa."

Mr de Klerk says the phasing out of race groups as political huilding blocks was essential, and he believes a "The (ruling) National Party democracy.

group classification, while the realize that some group rights
must be established. Compromise is possible, but it will not be reached soon, and will require very serious negotiation."

Mr de Klerk says white fears of being terrorized hy a hlack dictatorship, with an atten-dant collapse of the economy and social order, are largely unfounded. "There may be isolated cases ... hut African government does not mean barbarism. This has not been the experience of whites on our continent. We, the whites, have sufficient grounds for more faith. This kind of fear is an insult to black people."

Anxieties about a transition from Western to African orientations were realistic, but the interests of whites could be safeguarded in a constitution or charter of human rights.

Given the complexities and conflicting ideologies, Mr de Klerk considers it may take at least 10 years to effect the compromise could be reached. transition to a non-racial

Prince picks up a not very portable bush 'telephone' the country's 12 largest teaching the hepatitis and Aids viruses.

From Alan Hamilton Lagos

The trate was enormous. Standing at least 4ft high on the red-carpeted tioor, it dwarfed the huge tropical fish tank, with its green plastic frog and array of model water-wheels.

When British royalty, this time the Prince and Princess of Wales. visits for the first time in 30 years. Colonel Ray Rasaki, Governor of Lagas state, is nothing if not generous. The crate was opened to reveal his pift to the royal couple— an exceedingly large "talking drum" and a substantial bronze figure of a man in traditional local dress, an

The Prince gazed in amazement at the drum. "Do you." he asked diffidently. "dance to it or send -messages?" It was he was assured. for sending messages. In a country with a magnificently unpredictable telephone system, it was clearly a gift of great practicality.

Then it was the Prince's turn. He produced n package so small that it might have been hidden up his sleeve. "We have a very small, very dull, present in return, which I hope will be useful on your desk," the Prince said apologetically, handing over what turned out to be a sterling silver paper-knife with the Prince of Wales' feathers embossed on the

The exchange of gifts over, the Prince admired the Governor's fish tank. "Look at the frog," he remarked to the Princess, pointing at the plastic creature's mouth, which opened and closed in the current created by the toy water-wheels.

After only 24 hours in Nigeria, the Plansoll line of the royal yacht Britannia, moored in Lagos harbour, is in danger of submerging as the vessel is loaded with sturdy official gifts.

President Ibrahim Babangida has given the royal couple a pair of solid bronze Benin leopards, which will look handsome guarding the doorstep of Highgrove. In return the Prince and Princess gave the President a silver tea service of 1930s design, and a carriage clock with the Princess's initial "D" on the face.

Not all the gifts exchanged yesterday were so unashamedly decorative. Visiting Lagos University Teaching Hospital, the Prince handed over a £5,000 incubator as a token of Britain's current big aid package to Nigeria.

Last year's donation of £60 mil-

lion, the largest British overseas

subvention to any country apart

from India, is being repeated this

year, with a tenth of the total going to provide badly needed drugs for

hospitals.

Britain is not the higgest supporter of Nigeria's efforts to achieve economic recovery after the end of its oil boom years; last year the Japanese gave twice as much in direct aid, and are expected to be generous again this year. Britain hopes, however, that economic recovery in a former colony will reopen the continent's largest potential market outside South Africa.

Touring a children's ward, the couple learned that the infant mortality rate in Lagos is between 80 and 90 deaths for every 1,000 live barths. In rural Nigeria it is between 100 and 200.

A common disease is sickle-cell anaemia requiring blood transfusions, yet the university hospital is the only one in Lagos state able to screen the blood for the presence of

Doctors say lack of funds also means that immunization programmes for common diseases reach less than half of the child population. As they drove to the hospital

through the shanty towns of Lagos, the royal couple passed a large banner draped from a building by the local authority. "Mushin Local Government appreciates the humanitarian call of the Prince and Princess of Wales." A considerable crowd cheered them on their way. Whether the environmentally

concerned Prince appreciated the hospital's gift to him is another matter. It was a mother and child carved from a little bit of rain forest, a block of finest West African mahogany, which remained in its wrapping paper until after he had gone, to be scooped up by an aide for later examination.

East German politicians learn fast from West

It is no coincidence that the fledgeling political parties of East Germany are basically the creations of their West German counterparts. They have been called "sisters" of the two Western parties, but the relationship is more that of child and parent.

In the idealistic early days of East Germany's "peaceful revolution", the Round Table negotiators made an urgent appeal to Western parties to keep out. They saw, correctly, that the whole campaign would otherwise become a takeover bid which would not stop with political organizations but would end in a merger in which East Ger-many would be, at best, the junior partner.

The appeal was scarcely heard. The dates of a first free election had hardly been announced before the big party nounced before the big party
machines moved in from the kudos as the man who made

East Germany's communist Prime Minister, tried to introduce an electoral law which would have made such belp illegal, but he was on very unfirm ground.

Since the Communist Party infrastructure was all in place. complete with printing important of all, telephones, the restriction on outsiders which the communists wanted, although convenient, was also hypocritical.

West German pressure forced Herr Modrow to drop the clause before the law went to the Volkskammer and the election battle began. Both the main parties

understand that tomorrow's vote will play an important role in the outcome of the West Germany's own election, now scheduled for December Herr Helmut Kohl, the West German Chancellor and leasder of the Christian West. Herr Hans Modrow, unification possible, bopes be in the freely elected Par-

will also win enough votes for liament it did so much to party made all the early the "Alliance for Germany" a third term in office. create.

The Social Democrats, meanwhile, relying on their historic strength in East Germany, hope that a win there will give them the extra boost they need to topple Herr Kohl.

The takeover by the West-ern parties, coupled with the fact that communists dominated government and gained all the experience for so long, has meant, as well, that no really important political fig-ures have emerged from among the seemingly colourless Eastern party leaders.

The one group of East German politicians to stand out are those who had thecourage to form New Forum last autumn and whose pressure did so much to toppie the old regime. That this group of intellectuals, artists and idealists has largely been trampled underfoot in the rush for power by the big parties means that it stands little chance of gaining many seats

The Social Democrats in the

East have, in fact, been the pace-setters in the campaign from the outset, changing their name to match that of the party in the West and falling quickly back on to an organizational structure which had been well established before the last war.

With Herr Willy Brandt, the party's elder statesman and unit. inventor of Ostpolitik, draw-ing and wooing the crowds the this by creating what he called discredit the SPD by linking it

About 12.2 million of East Germany's 16 million

citizens are eligible to vote on Sunday, some 450,000 having already voted with their feet since the Berlin Wall came down last year.

They will choose between 24 parties and alliances competing for 400 seats in the new parliament, in what will almost certainly be the one and only exercise of the painstakingly crafted

In the strictly proportional system, each person will cast one vote for a party rather than a candidate. Each party will receive four seats for

The right, which had little chance at all to operate during 40 years of communism, was far more disorganized and needed to import not only the money, but the organization and the slogans. Even so, three separate parties came into being before the Christian Democrats in the West could form them into a cohesive

HOW VOTES WILL DECIDE WINNERS AND LOSERS

tian Democrats, the German Social Union and Democratic Awakening. To counter Herr Brandt's charisma and rhetoric, the chancellor then em-barked on a series of six blitz campaign sorties from Bonn, when he roused hundreds of thousands of red, black and gold flag waving crowds chanting "Hel-mut, Hel-mat." The main thrust of the Alli-

West German system, in which a party must win 5 per cent of the vote before receiving any seats, there is no minimum threshold.

After seats are allocated to parties, de-will be drawn from party lists in 15 ele-

communist party, using the slogan "Socialism - never Herr Kohl's appearances and this debberate slight have between them succeeded in giving the Alliance what seems like an even chance of leading the coalition government that is most likey to be formed after the election. The communists, renamed

the Party of Democratic Socialists (PDS), know al-ready that they will not be asked to join the coalition. All the other main parties insist that communists be excluded - which means that Herr Modrow, whose integrity is nowhere doubted and whose experience of government is sorely needed elsewhere, will not serve again, unless he abandons the party he says he will be first in from party itsis in 15 sectoral districts. The more candidates from there will get seats. About 22,000 polling stations will be open from 7am to 6pm. The first official returns will be amounced between 8 and 9pm (7 and 8pm GMT), though unofficial computer projections based on exit polls are expected by about 7pm. Final results will be a consent will about 7pm. Final results still believes in.

Although there are 24 parties or groups putting up lists for the election, the chances of any of the others gaining more than around 5 per cent are minimal. Herr Hans-Dietrich

Foreign Minister who has arguably done more than any one to bring about the pros-pect of reunification, has addressed ecstatic crowds. especially in his bome town of Halle. But the chances are slim of the alliance of the three liberal parties which he supports even gaining the present 9 per cent following of bis own Free Democrats (FDP) in West Germany.

The Greens - the only other party represented in the Bundestag - are suffering from their reputation of being opposed to reunifiation. They are trying to compensate by joining with the women's rights movement in a "Green-Lilac" federation, which ought to win at least the 30,000 odd votes that will be needed to

take a seat. Otherwise there is a motley collection of left, far left and youth parties all taking advan-tage of an election which is probably their last chance to

Warsaw

Pact

seeks

accord

By Michael Evans

and Peter Green

in Prague

Warsaw Pact foreign ministers gather in Prague today to try

to produce a common pos-

ition on the reunification of

the two Germanies on the eve

of the East German elections.

With the image of the Warsaw Pact as a unified

military alliance already shat-

tered by the events of the past

few months, it is expected to be a highly charged meeting.

Mr Krzysztof Skubiszewski,

the Polish Foreign Minister, is

likely to sound the strongest

warnings over the security

problems arising from a re-

The meeting had been called for by Mr Jiri Dienst-

bier, the Czechoslovak For-eign Minister. Moscow apparently jumped at the chance, if only to try to

demonstrate to the West Ger-

man Government in particu-

lar, and to Nato in general.

that the Warsaw Pact still had

But Western diplomats here

believe the seven foreign min-isters will find it difficult to

come to any concrete agree-ment, especially on the mili-

Mr Eduard Shevardnadze,

the Soviet Foreign Minister.

who flies in from Moscow this

morning, is expected to stick rigidly to the often-stated Kremlin position that a re-

united Germany cannot re-

Soviet Foreign Ministry are

Two officials from the

tary and security aspects.

unified Germany.

life in it yet.

main in Nato.

Brandt views the fruit of his Ostpolitik

In an election largely taken persuasion. Herr Brandt has over by politicians from West Germany, Herr Willy Brandt seemed at first to be curiously circumspect, out of step with the high-stakes campaign for German unity.

While Herr Helmut Kohl, the West German Chancellor, swooped into the GDR to deliver impassioned appeals on behalf of conservative candidates, Herr Brandt, the former Social Democratic more difficult. Chancellor and architect of West German Ostpolitik, has more resembled an elder able without reconciliation statesmen on a lecture tour. is in charge of the moral and

human dimension." Herr Brandt, who is the honorary head of the Social Democrats in both Germanies, has largely avoided confrontational politics, preferring instead to focus on the course of events - much of which he shaped - that has brought the two from testy



Herr Brandt: In charge of the human dimension.

reconciliation to the verge of not forget what East Germans reunification.

Yet recent gains hy the conservative Alliance for Germany has forced him to join the invective. With the latest polls showing the SPD just trailing the Alliance. Herr over the years" says Frau Brandt has attacked the Chancellor for tarnishing Germany's image over the Polish border issue and criticized Herr Kohl's favoured method of bringing about early published yesterday suggested reunification — a constitu- nearly half of all East Gertional clause allowing states to

Herr Brandt has lamented German election campaigns have been exported "to the GDR's first free election in nearly six decades." He claims the Alliance bas gained sup-port by hinting that an SDP victory could slow economic help from Bonn.

For many East Germans, many, and 60 per cent fa-regardless of their political voured neutrality.

From Girard Steichen, Wismar, East Germany

well-nigh unassailable creden-tials. He is popular and re-spected as the German statesman who sought and achieved reconciliation with the Soviet Bloc. East Germans acknowledge that without him, the historic talks with the GDR's hardline leadership in Erfurt in 1970, the road to thenation's peaceful revolution last year would have been far

East Germans also know that reunification is unthinkwith Poland, the foundation An aide said:"Herr Brandt of which was laid by Herr Brandt 20 years ago.

His efforts to normalize East-West relations won him the Nobel Peace Prize in 1971, and did much to erase the legacy of hatred left by the Second World War.

In his public appearances throughout the GDR, he has shunned the patronizing and often-tactless gratory of other West German politicians on the hustings. "Herr Brandt understands that while East Germans want prosperity, they don't want to be lectured down to and told that their experience and identities amount to nothing," says Herr Helmut Langenfeld, a baker in Wismar, a Baltic port.

Many East Germans resent what they perceive as highhanded efforts by West German politicians to ram through reunification on their own terms. Earlier this month, in a triumphant re-enactment of his 1970 visit to Erfurt. Herr Brandt told the cheering crowd: "Above all, we must

have achieved and the unique experiences they have had." Yet even in the heat of lastminute rallies, Herr Brandt appears to be above the fray. "He bas done so much for us Ulrike Schreyer, a worker in the Wismar shipyards, "Even if you don't vote SPD you have to admire him."

• EAST BERLIN A survey mans favor immediate uni-fication, although a third of the electorate would prefer a that the "bad habits" of West slower joining of the two states (AP reports).

The latest survey also said that nearly three-quarters of East Germans are more optimistic about the future. Nearly 50 per cent of those questioned wanted immediate unification with West Ger-

War of words on Berlin's 'Democracy Wall'



A voter in the East German elections on Sunday closely studying his countrymen's newly-won political options on posters pasted to the Berlin Wall.

Splits weaken hopes of Bavarian right

the issues of the Bavarian communal elections tomorthose of the coming Greater Germany.

the results coming in from East Berlin, West German politicians will be looking to see what the mood is in rural Catholic Bavaria with equal anxiety.

refugees reached when they began pouring out through Hungary and Austria last September - two months before the main flood started when the Berlin Wall came down. Compared with the grimy towns they came from. it seemed booming and prosperous, set in the lusb Bavar-

ian countryside. Many stayed. They quickly filled the emergency accom-modation, saturated the job market and the schools began to be overcrowded. The rightwing Republicans, who had scored up to 20 per cent and more in the European elections last June, felt they were gaining even more ground with their platform for a united Germany in which all the refugees went home.

couple of hours away by car, Germany is now struggling to cope with the huge influx of East Germans. The Governrow tend to be subordinate to ment is responding with new legislation which will stop their benefits. The opposition While everyone waits for Social Democrats want even

more restrictions. Everybody supports Ger-man unity and the local Republican election slogan -"We've had it right up to the neck" - has all but been Nuremberg was the first adopted by all the national large town that many of the groups.

Since last June, when they scored 7.3 per cent nationwide, the Republican rating bas dropped progressively. Their latest opinion poll rating Brittan urges EC integration

By Michael Binyon

Sir Leon Brittan, the EC

competition commissioner,

said yesterday there were real

fears in Europe of German domination, and the EC must

therefore continue its inte-

gration to ensure that a greater

Germany was firmly embed-

ded in a European framework.

afraid that Germany would

become not so much a loco-

He told the Torridge and

From Ian Murray, Nuremberg With East Germany only a changed all that. All West is 2.9 per cent—well below the berg's right-wingers are split, now be voting Republican." couple of hours away by car. Germany is now struggling to 5 per cent needed to win seats. Herr Harald Schumann, who The Christian Social Union, in an election.

> Republicans have fallen apart. On Thursday Herr Franz Schönbuber, the party leader, had organized his own rally in a beer tent but he cancelled at

the last moment. He said the party's strong stand on law under foot," Herr Schur and order. In fact, Nurem- said this week. "I shall not

in a direction we do not want to

sensibly handled. "The Euro-

and economically. Those who

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rusaway train "dragging us all Thatcher.

the European Community, as a clear reference to Mrs

He said these fears need not wounds of war and allow prove justified if things were nations to harness their en-

pean Community is the key to rather than mutual destruc-

managing the transition to the tion. "The best way for Britain

new Europe, both politically to help Eastern Europe and

until the end of last November So the radical right has lost was number two on the its way and in Nuremberg. Republican list in the town, where Hitler's Nazi rallies has left the party because he once roused the nation, the was disgusted with the "un-Republicans have fallen again, democratic" behaviour of Herr Rudolf Heindl, number one on the list.

Both probably hoped at the time the Wall came down that they would win places on the the police had refused to give town council, but now that him protection, a clearly neither of them stands much ridiculous excuse as a high chance they are calling each proportion of bis party's other names. "I cannot stand membership is known to be in by someone who tramples our the force or sympathetie to the rule book and basic rights

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in this country about German

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voter. This harder line has its critics within the party. Nuremberg is a Social Democratic town and is likely to stay that way. The CSU has chosen a green background for its posters in contrast to the red of socialism and the brown or black of the neo-Nazis.

The Social Democrats are sitting back and watching the specifically created to heal the bickerings on the right with satisfaction. It is relying on these internal quarrels to weaken the traditional bold of the CSU on Bavaria in the state election next October. In Munich, also a Social Democratic stronghold, the voters will be confronted with a 4ft by 2ft "slip" containing the names of the 1,025 can-

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which has long ruled Bavaria by right, had suffered most from the Republican challenge. Five years ago in the communal elections it scored an average 49.1 per cent and it had been worried that defec-

tions to the far right could give already in Prague ahead of Mr the balance of power to the Shevardnadze to work on the extremists. communiqué. Its local politicians have However, Czechoslovak ofcountered the challenge by ficials insisted that this did not promising policies which leave the Republicans little imply that Moscow was trying to mastermind today's consulextra to offer the dissident

tative meeting. One Western diplomat said . yesterday: "One is really coming with strong ideas as far as we know. The Czechs would like to use the meeting to create a new security arrangement. But they're having trou-

ble reaching a final consensus, even among themselves." The diplomat warned: "For the moment, German unification is not a divisive issue for the Czechs. But this will change leading up to the elections in June."

Mr Lubos Dobrovsky. spokesman for the Czechoslovak Ministry of Foreign Affairs, said: "I don't know whether the foreign ministers will be able to reach a common position by the end of the day. It's impossible to predict

European Community are developmen quite mistaken," he added, in a Community." The fall of the Wall has motive for the development of anything right now." Problem of ethnic Russians still looms over Baltic independence

West Devon Conservative argue that events in Eastern Association that people were Europe should lead us to slow

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From Anatol Lieven Riga, Latvia

Although the Lithuanian declaration of independence has inspired the Latvian and Estonian nationalists, it has not solved their basic problem: what to do about the buge Russian populations on

their territories. Latvians are only a bare majority in Latvia, and in a minority in Riga, the capital, and the two other higgest cities, and this will severely limit the Latvian Popular Front's prospects in the Supreme Soviet elections beginning tomorrow

Aivars Baumanns, of the Novosti Press Agency in Riga, said: "As usuat, the Baltic States are like a train with two enger carriages and a baggage wagon. We are the baggage, and we are pulled along by Lithuania and Estonia."

The Estonian nationalists, who are also going to the polls tomorrow, have the same problem as their Latvian counterparts. Russians make up 31 per cent of the population, with the total of non-Estonians reaching 39 per cent.

Under the Soviet Constitution, a twothirds majority in a Supreme Soviet is needed for a vote to change a constitu-

tion. Estonian nationalists have been trying to circumvent the possibility that Russian deputies will block the process by calling an "Estonian congress" elected only by citizens of the old Estonian Republic and their descendants. That body met this week, elected a President and standing committee, and called on the Supreme Soviet and

The Estonian Government is also facing a rising tide of Russian protest 9

Government to work with the Congress leadership to achieve independence. in the first round of voting, the fact that radical nationalist candidates will be standing in some constituencies against representatives of the Popular Front as well as of the Communist Party is likely to deprive the Estonian Popular Front of the sweeping victory achieved by Sajudis in Lithuania. A majority in the new Supreme Soviet in favour of independence is, however, certain.

As the prospect of an Estonian

declaration of independence approaches, the Estonian Government, which supports independence but is nevertheless under attack by the radicals, is also facing a rising tide of Russian protest. Russian workers in the huge Moscowcontrolled factories of Tallinn are being radicalized not just in reaction to Estonian nationalism, but also by the

threat of unemployment, which they fear would increase in an independent Interfront is threatening a repetition of last year's general strike by Russian-dominated enterprises if moves towards independence continue. The possibility of violence also cannot be excluded. Interfront in Latvia is taking a much

milder line, apparently because its leaders believe that, in view of the ethnic

balance here, such rapid moves towards independence are not tikely. Retired Colonet Igor Lopatin, the chairman of the council of Interfront, told me yesterday that he was not unduly concerned by the Lithuanian dectaration and its implications for the other remblics. "The Lithuanians have declared independence, but the reality is that it will be many years until this could become real," he said. He added that he

was opposing independence for Latvia not as a Russian nationalist, but because he believes that increasing co-operation beween nations represents the present trend of European history. He also argued that full separation from the Soviet Union would be economically catastrophic for Estonia. If, however, a majority in the new Latvian Supreme Soviet declared independence, protest by Interfront would be "purely dem-

In Estonia the ethnic division is clearer than in Latvia. The small number of Russian intellectuals who support the Popular Front seem to have made little headway in influencing Russian workers although, in Narva, the Russian majority border area, feeling against independence seems milder.

On the other hand, far and away most Estonian members of the Communist Party support independence, and the Government has recently taken the lead in moves to achieve it. This has regained some popularity for the party.

In Latvia, the situation is more complicated. There are several old-style Larvian Communists in the ranks of Interfront, including Mr Alfred Rubiks, the former Mayor of Riga, and Mr

Arnold Clausens, the city's Communist Party chief. On the other side, approxi-mately 10 per cent of Popular Front candidates are Russians.

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The fact that a considerable number of Russians do support the Popular Front, or are still too apathetic to vote at all, was shown by the Riga municipal elections. Despite the Russian majority

Latvia has no alternative but to follow Lithuania on independence

in the city, they resulted in an assembly evenly balanced between supporters of Interfront and the Popular Front, leading to deadlock.

After several weeks, the two sides agreed to appoint Mr Andrei Inkulis, a mmunist official with the lukewarm backing of the Popular Front, as Mayor. There are Communists on both sides of the division in the municipal council, and tomorrow's elections will see Communists on the Interfront ticket and

those on the Popular Front ticket

standing against each other, with other party members standing against both.

This has more or less partysed the party and government leaderships. Although they have clearly expressed their support for independence, only one of the party secretaries turned up to a meeting a fortnight ago of a faction which aims to separating the Latvian party from the Communist Party of the Soviet Union.

Mr Anatolii Gorbanov, Latvia's President, is of Russian origin, but now considers itself Latvian. As one of the leaders of the Communist Party, as well as of the state, he told me yesterday that "Latvia has no alternative but to follow Lithuania towards independence. The speed of the process is however another

He said that a split of the Communist Party from Moscow would have to wait for the Congress called in June, rather than the April meeting called by the breakaway faction.

After this meeting, however, it is likely that the party will lose most of its Latvian members, and in general, after tomorrow's elections, it is not easy to see how the government of Latvia will be carried on.

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Power plays that made a President of Gorbachov

From Mary Dejevsky, Moscow

the full Soviet parliament — the Congress of People's Deputies - will go down as the nne which made a firmer agri-American-style President, and started a shift towards par-

liamentary government.
But the real history of the past week is different. It is a tale of meticulous planning, late-night plotting and ruthless bargaining masterminded

by a consummate tactician.

The Congress opened on
Monday with a straightfinrward agenda. It would last two and a half days, vote in favour of the idea of a President, against the idea of direct national presidential

• The process required some constitutionally dubious

elections, and - after other nominations had been considered — for Mr Mikhail Gorbachov as President. He

manoeuvres

would then be sworn in. All this came to pass, but it took two days longer than envisaged and required un-scheduled breaks and some constitutionally dubious manoeuvring. Politburo members wandered the lobbies apparently at random, to deliver the

right word in the right ear. Clan loyalty and patronage were subtly in evidence. A nod here, a salute there, a deferential handshake, a quiet agreement to meet later, an apparently leisurely exchange over a cigarette in the smoke-hung basement, the absence of the uniformed military during one break, the absence of Politburo members at the next In so doing, Mr Sobchak — all signalled the scheming incriminated the Government

afoot. sure that his plans were not ister, Mr Nikolai Ryzhkov. opposed at any stage by more than one-third of the assem-bled deputies. He needed a two-thirds majority in each of the main votes to make the process constitutional.

Where minor amendments to the existing Constitution were concerned, the need for a two-thirds majority worked in bis favour. Unwelcome proposals made from the floor like the suggestion that the state President should not be able to hold the party leadership concurrently - were thus thwarted, even though more than half of the congress supported them.

The problems arose over two votes: on the principle of the presidency, and on how to elect him. Both were delayed by at least a day "in allow more time for discussinn". The second delay was an agonizing afternoon and morning of minor amendments. all of which were put to a vnte, sometimes a show of hands,

sometimes acclamatinn. As each crucial vote approached, proceedings were sbip. His career looks suddenly accelerated, breaks irretrievable.

This week's third session of were forgotten. The required majority was in sight.

In the first vote, on the principle of the presidency, the revolt was smaller than cultural official from the prov-feared. The republics whn inces into the Soviet Union's feared for their autonomy first democratically elected, were brought around by one American-style President, and set of amendments, the reformists who feared a dictatorship by another. The clinching argument was

produced by the last speaker in the debate — an elderly general of Stalinist persuasion who brandished his warrant card and warned of counterrevolution.

The second vote - on the method of election - encountered unexpectedly forceful apposition from deputies whose constituents had taken too enthusiastically to the nation of one man, one vote. Without warning, a succes-

sion of eminent and respected speakers was suddenly annunced. The farmer dissident, Mr Roy Medvedev, warned of civil war - and delivered the liberal Marxist vote. Mr Gorbachov's Politburo colleague, Mr Aleksandr Yakoviev, argued that the presidency was needed now to unite the country - and delivered the party doubters. The distinguished historian, Professor Dmitri Likhachev, put the decision in its cultural context - and delivered the intellectuals.

Last, and most surprisingly the radical lawyer, Mr Anatoli Sobchak, spoke passionately against holding direct presidential elections. He delivered a crucial 200 or so votes from the Inter-Reginnal Parliamentary Group. They included the 50 votes by which Mr Gorbachov won his majority.

But Mr Sobchak's passion came with a price. The radical deputy was called to the platform after the vote to defend himself against what he regarded as an earlier slur. in a recent corruption scandal - including the Prime Min-

• A nod here, a salute there, signalled the scheming that was afoot 9

Angry and distraught, Mr Ryzhkov asked Mr Gorbachny for an explanation. Mr Gorbachov professed

ignorance of what Mr Sobchak would say, and - lest anyone suspect otherwise - the idealogy secretary. Mr Vadim Mcdvedev, strode the Inbby next day saying that the wbole episode had been a horrible mistake, everyone involved had "misunderstood".

Mr Ryzhkov probably nuderstood only too well. The next day Mr Gorbachov's inaugural address criticized his Government's performance. An American thinktank had named him as a potential rival for the leader-

Port Moresby (Reuter) - The drunken police chief who tried to overthrow Papua New Guinea's Government is still free while his former calleagues decide if he should face any charges, a senior policeman said yesterday. Farmer police commissioner Paul Tohian was sacked on Thursday after he tried to organize the coup following a drinking bout at an armed forces barbeque on Wednesday, and a decision an whether charges will be laid is expected next week.

Denktas goes of Northern Cyprus, resigned

this week to clear the way for elections on April 22. Cabinet out

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ependence

Kotean Prime Minister, Mr King Young-hoon and his 22member Cabinet resigned to Eve President Roha free hand to reorganize his admini-

Taipei fracas

Taipei (Reuter) - Military police dragged 14 leaders of Taiwan's fledgling opposition party kicking and screaming from the presidential palace after officials had denied setting fire to himself inside them a meeting with President the building.

Space shot

Toulouse (AFP) - The French Satellite SPOT-2, was attempting yesterday to photograph the Rabta chemical plant in Linva damaged by fire nn

Nepal future

Nicosia (AP) — Mr Rauf Kathmandn (AP) — King Denktas, president of the Birendra of Nepal has rejected breakaway Turkish Republic demands for a mulu-party system in his Himalayan kingdom hut said there was room for some reforms in the political system.

Prize design

Tokyo (AFP) - An international jury of 11 awarded a London-based Japanese architect, Mr Masayuki Yamanaka, the first prize in a design competition for the Japanese Hause of Culture in Paris.

Mosque death

Tourcoing, France (Reuter) -The head of the local mosque in this northern French eity has committed suicide by

Jump to it

Amsterdam (Reuter) - Duich police are using a surveillance helicopter to track down twn kangaroos on the loose for almost a week in heathland in the southern province of

Secret Stasi reports sell like hot cakes

Eager crowds jostling to buy the published Stasi reports in an East Berlin street yesterday.

and shoving usually suggests an unexpected delivery nf bananas or car spare parts.

But the prize yesterday was paperback volume every said. East German wants to pass on to his children: the commands and reports of the Stasi for 1989 as it tried to suppress the growing dissatisfaction and the peaceful revolution in the

Entitled But I Love You All, the valedictory words of the Minister for State Security, Herr Erich Mielke, to the East German Parliament before he was taken off to one of the prisons he used to administer, the book has been brought nut by the first tiny independent publisher in the East and is drawn from documents found in the Stasi headquarters by the commission set up to

It contains memos to the former Politburo from Herr Mielke, who describes himself as a "progressive force" warning of the "imperialist threats to the state and social order in the GDR". Largely to blame, according to the memos, is the presence of foreign correspon-

dents in the country. Herr Reinhard Schult, nne of the fnunders of the opposition group New Forum which helped bring about the

In East Berlin, such long was busy distributing copies to queues and so much pushing crowds gathered as if by magic in a side-street for the sale. We did not ask for permission to publish from anyone in case they said no," be

> Himself a target nf the Stasi's attentions for many years, he was enjoying himself yesterday. "We are selling their top-secret files for II marks (£3.50) a go," he said

> With a print run of only 40,000 copies, the book is already a rarity and by yes-terday afternoon was changing hands for five times the cover price. "I cannot believe that have this in my hands," said one young woman, leafing through the pages. "I think I have just grasped for the first time that it is all over."

Perhaps the most surprising aspect of the reports is their accuracy in portraying the dissatisfaction which fermented in East Germany throughnut last year. One chapter describing the loss of faith in the party and government could come straight from the discussions of New Forum at the time. Thanks to the extensive network of informers, bugging, and the systematic opening of letters, it probably did.

The names and contacts of all apposition leaders are

Romanian models in catwalk strike

From Catherine Adams Bucharest

Mnre than 200 leading Rnmanian fashion models went on strike this week. The models walked nut halfway through a fashinn show after directors banned cameras from the auditorium, claiming that the West wanted to try to steal

Romanian ideas. The models claim that communist bureaucracy is stifling the fashion industry despite the overthrow of the dictator

Models are demanding professional status for the first time after being regarded as illegal by the former regime. "Nnthing has changed and the state won't help us," said 21-year-old Cristina Urda, after her first appearance on the catwalk in a five-day fashion festival npen to foreign observers. Models and designers, now back at work, warned of more strikes unless the repression is lifted.

"Our bosses are engineers and technicians with nn brains and no artistic sense. They only keep their job because of whn they know," said one 21year-old designer, Miss Elena



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SIMON BARNES

s I have coted before in this space, the reason women don't beat men to cooventional sports is not because the events are 100 tough, but because they are not tough enough. I returned from the Cheltenham Gold Cup on Thursday to find a message from ZaZa Horne in Boston, America oo my answerphone. She rowed, as I remember, for Oxford or Cambridge a few wears back over the use arrives to tell me years back, oow she was anxious to tell me that Susan Butcher had done it again. Yes, she has won the Idizarod, the sled-dog race across Alaska, for the fourth time in five years. She completed ooe of the toughest events in the world io 11 days, 1 hour 53 minutes and 23 seconds, beating her own record by 12 mioutes. T-shirts were on sale almost immediately, bearing the legend: "Come to Alaska, where men are men and women win the Iditarod."

Meanwhile, Paul Taylor writes to me from Jersey, politely informing me that I miss some of the hig sports stories. "I would have thought the performance of the Lichtenstein table-tennis team in Portugal recently would have been worth a mention, especially as one player has a wooden leg." He encloses a cutting from The Jersey Evening Post to prove that this is no hoax: the unnamed player is also. I learn, the world disabled champion, and obviously rather a superstar. His secret is that he "plays over the table with anti-spin".

he Sports Council, io its role of national gym teacher, has produced a cracking oew video as part of a £1 million sponsorship from Midland Bank, in a project aimed at school-leavers. The video features such excitements as track cycling dry-slope skiing and artificial wall rock-climbing, and it was shot at Calshot Activities Ceotre in Hampshire. But the centre is oow threatened with closure. Hampshire Couoty Couocil says it can't afford to maintain the place. In fact, it may be demotished. The national motto is "Sport for all (while there's still time)."

erhaps the transitioo from symbol of self-cootainied military might to a setting for jeux sans frontières is a healthy development io human history. Anyway, the Great Wall of China ("Sure is a great wall" - Nixon) is to become a racetrack. Io September, a motor race will take place along the wall. Lasting 13 days, it will be open to cars and motorbikes, which will travel the 3,000 miles from Shanhaiguan on the Pacific to Jiayguan.

BARRY FANTONI



never even mentioned poll tax'

be recent postal excitements meant that I missed the Oxford-Cambridge American football match, woo by Oxford 60-19. The game is edging toward half-blue status, and inter-college football is soaring at Cambridge, with teams competing under such names as Jesus Saves. Sidney Opera House, Corpus Christi Courgettes, St Joho's Amhulance and King's Kongs.

hould one feel sorry for managers or for players at a managerial sacking? Perhaps the true victims are the footballers brought up in sport's equivalent of a broken home. What, then, of Julian Broddio, recently signed for Plymouth Argyle from Barnsley? In a month, he has played under six managers, three at each club.

ost sports are about the pursuit of excellence, hut golf is about the pursuit of golf. The idea is to get the ball in the hole oot the best way, hut the proper way. Clubs must not be this and not be that, and the everlasting debate about whether they should have U-shaped or square grooves has been conducted with Verdi-esque passioo. Now io recognition of the increasing popularity of long putters, which are difficult to carry about, the United States Golf Association has approved a collapsible potter. Golfers may now use a telescopic putter - the shaft, not a sight, you understand - provided that it is fully extended. However, the US Equipments Standards Committee turned down a putter that screws together like a pool cue. That, they decided, was adjustable, and therefore did not conform to the rules.

see that my colleague Ivor Stanbrook takes the view that mothers who go out to work "inflict psychological in-jury on their children as well as themselves". On that basis we in Britain are in some trouble. We already have one of the highest proportions of working women in Western Europe, and you do oot need to be a labour-market expert to see that this trend will

Young school leavers are in short supply and will get scarcer still. Inevitably, employers are looking for other sources for recruitment, and of course married womeo returners are high oo everyone's list. Let us hope that they succeed, for otherwise such professions as oursing will be in real difficulty.

But demography is not the only reason for more women working. More and more women want a career. Half the students in medicine, dentistry and the health services are oow women. The latest figures for the legal and accountancy professions show similar situations. A quarter of all the self-employed and ocarly a third of entrants to the Norman Fowler calls for Budget help for working mothers

Saxing freedom of choice

Enterprise Allowance Scheme Unlike Ivor Stanbrook, I believe that we should out turn our back on working women, but should aim to make their lives easier and their careers more fulfilling. That does not mean that I undervalue the contribution of women who do not work outside the home. I entirely

agree that bringing up children can be very much a full-time job.

Nevertheless, we should recognize that many women with children want both the income and the stimulation of a job outside the home. The aim of policy should out be to force women down pre-determined routes but to give them choice. Let them decide what is in the best interests of their family, while we knock down the barriers which make that choice

Joh sharing allows women to divide their time between work and home. Flexi-time arrangements allow mothers to plan their working week to fit in with the time demands of their children. Such measures are increas ingly used by employers, and rightly so, but we all know there is still a long way in go. Work ourseries and better child-mind-

ing arrangements are a sensible

To achieve these goals will require partnership between employers and government. I accept that employers have the first responsibility here: it is in their interests that the contributioo of women be encouraged. I am not attracted by the suggestion of massive new state provision, for I doubt it could ever provide the required flexibility. But if government is out to be

should certainly be an enabler. It should encourage and support the provision of new facilities should be taken this month in

the Budget.
First, the Chancellor should abolish the tax on workplace ourseries. Since April 1985, an employer's subsidy to workplace ourseries has been taxed as a fringe benefit to the employee. It is treated as a perk like a company car, but is taxed even more severely. If an employee's carnings exceed £8,500, he or she must pay tax at the marginal rate on the whole of the

It is a curious policy, which began only in April 1984. For almost 40 years previously, oo one had paid tax on the benefit from a workplace nursery. The payable but had simply not been collected. This left us with the anomaly that a motorist who has free parking at his place of work in central London does not pay tax on this undoubted benefit, while a mother who makes use of

a workplace oursery does. Second, the Chancellor should make it easier for employers to provide childcare vouchers. Such vouchers can be used for all forms of care, and mean that setting up their own ourseries. But the tax position on vouchers is even worse than on ourseries. Under present rules, employees are liable to tax whether or not they earn more than £8.500.

The case for making vouchers tax exempt is also strong. Exemption would share the cost between employers and govern-

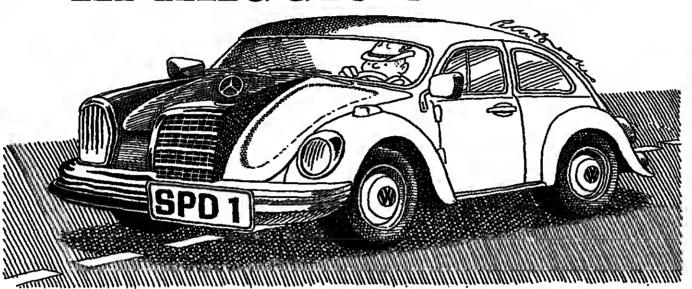
provide flexibility, leaving choice with the mother, for vouchers can be used to pay for child-minding as well as for nurseries. The Government has already taken a big step in this direction with the childcare payments under the Employment Training programme, which of-fers up to £50 a week for the child care costs of lone parents entering the programme. The irony is that once the mother has found a job, the help is likely to

Of course I do not claim that these two measures alone would solve the problem. They would, however, give a signal - not the traditional signal to the market, but a more general public signal that the Government takes seri-ously the contribution that working women can make.

We need to encourage women in their careers not just as a necessary response to a demographic problem, but above all because we should make use of all the ability and skill in our

nation.
The author was Secretary of State for Social Services, 1981-1987.

Danger: Bandwagons in middle of road



s tomorrow's elections approach in East Germaoy, one slogan stands out on the billboards of Leipzig and other cities: "The future already has a name: SPD". Indeed, social democracy (in West Germany as well as East, to say oothing of Britain) claims to represent a new morality, one which com-bines the ethics of social welfare with the politics of the freedom of the individual. In the wake of the anti-communist - or, more have given up oo the old fight for accurately, anti-socialist revolution, it offers in East

Germany to take a via media To its right stand the Christian-Democrat-inspired apostles of the Greater German free market; to its left, the cadres of the revamped Communist Party, barking in their mangers against the West German invasion. How many of nearly 12 millioo clectors in East Germany will choose the SPD's "Third Way" between socialism and capitalism - supposing that such a way exists - is uncertain; Chancellor Kohl and his East German allies are coming up oo the rails, puffing and blowing.

Ambivalence is everywhere in the East German SPD's aoticommunist, ooo-communist, and ex-communist ranks. At its recent conference in Leipzig, the mild-looking, middle-of-theroad delegates were addressed from the podium as "Frieods and Comrades", just to be on the safe side. In their own estimation, they are the "decent people's party", rejectiog "Chicago-style capitalism" oo the one hand, and "state socialist oppression" oo the other.

They also tell themselves and the electorate that they are the practical, undoctrinaire party, as well as being their brothers' keepers: individuality and fraternity, a market economy with some state planning, free choice and an egalitarian outcome are asserted to be consistent with each other. This new morality oow oo offer throughout Eastern Europe, and coming next in the Soviet Unioo - is an old

In East Germany, as elsewhere, it is the product of anxiety and disillusion; anxiety at the encroachment of the "law of the capitalist jungle", disillusioo with failed "socialist experimentatioo". Even leading excommunists io East Germany the social market economy, if socialism io liberal disguise, ever

David Selbourne, concluding his series on German reunification, says that tomorrow's elections will be a first sign of how the politics of the left is changing in Europe

a "socialist alternative to West

Io commoo with others in liberal economy in a "social state", in which a social charter guarantees public accountability and private well-being, the state cootinues to oversee the general ecocomic and technological evolution of the country, and the individual is otherwise left to his own purposes and market devices. Some of this may be hot air, but it is also Vaclav Havel's aspiration for Czechoslovakia, and Labour's for

owever, in East Germany, and West Germany too, something else is fermenting. A burden is being lifted; the Germans, united, are going to be themselves again, for good or ill.

An old-fashioned German persona - Protestant in the majority, with the accessioo of the predominantly Protestant East Germans - is ooce more stirring, genial enough and stolidly hardworking. Addressing delo-gates at Leipzig, Ibrahim Bohme, the young East German SPD leader, adopted Goethe's lyric ideal of "hard-work and merry-

making" as a party slogan. At the recent synod of the East German Evangelical Church, which played a leading role in last November's upheavals, its chairman, Bishop Leich of Ei-senach, praised God for the East Germans' peaceful revolution. 'It will be good", he declared in the accents of a latter-day Luther - who, as a boy, lived in Eisenach - "for everybody to participate in such a task, and for everybody to benefit from the fruits of his labour."

The church's role he proclaimed, ex cathedra, would be to fight for the social aspects of necessary by insisting on restrictions upoo its efficiency in order to achieve social ends. But there were also limits oo the acceptable uses of state power, oeve again must the state "lay its hands oo the lives of the citizens" and interfere with their "God-given freedom of choice" in the matter of personal self-fulfilment. This was the social democratic programme, theologically justified; or, Marxism displaced by a new Reformation.

The left, in both the Germanies, contioues to regard the Protestant Church with suspicioo for its equivocal record in the Nazi period; and many SPD supporters. East and West, have oothing to do with any of the churches. But the Protestant social democrat of Saxooy, Prussia and the other Eas German Lander is a ceotury-old German prototype, oow reborn; and God, with unforeseeable political consequences, reigns once more in the post-Marxist

This is not, however, Christian socialism. The very word socialism is taboo for most people in Eastern Europe. Rather, the claims of social democracy - io East and West Germany together - are that it alooe can deal with the social coosequences of the German upheaval; it alone is immune to the seductions of the German national spirit; it alooe offers refuge to those exhausted with ideological dogma, right and left; and it alooe is sensitive to today's dilemmas over the environment, the limits of welfare, and the finding of a just balance between the powers of the state and the rights of the individual. But to the hardline Christian Democrats. the advancing SPD looks much as Britain's Labour Party looks in the embattled Tories: like the old ready to impede the market in the name of social engineering. Indeed, as Chancellor Kohl

locks horns with the East German SPD - in preparation for a similar battle on West German soil in the December elections the SPD's political positions are coming under increasingly fierce attack. It is potentially ocutralist, say the Christian Democrats. is a Johnny-come-lately to the cause of German reunification ("turncoats", Kohl has indelicately called the SPD leaders), and is compromised by years of political dalliance with the former East German Communist Party, Io addition, the Christian Democratic Unioo itself claims to espouse the principles of the social market. In its own eyes it is a oce-natioo German Tory party, sound on trade union rights, on welfare provisioo and oo state investment in elevating public causes.

n the other side of the political fence, the West German SPD is preening itself in the belief that most of the known world is already, or will soon become, social democratic; it is even preparing for the Labour Party, with its "sensible new strategies", to take power aloneside it. But to the Christian Democrats, German social democracy, whatever its pretensions, is the wave of the past, oot the

Io particular, the party expects a majority of escapees from Marxism-Leninism to prefer the Christiao Democrat version of the ethics of individual freedom. Eveo if the East Germans were to vote social democracy into office oo March 18, it would be a temporary reverse only: practical anxieties about unemployment, pensions, savings and the pace of reunification would have triumphed, oot a new politics of socially conscious, anti-capitalist post-Marxism.

Whatever happens, the politics of the left throughout Europe are changing. Class, state and red flag are giving way everywhere to the individual, the social market, the pink rose and doctrinal muddle. At issue is whether a non-socialist left can have any coherent content or real meaning. Io the next couple of years, starting tomorrow in East Germany, we shall begin in get the

Peter Brimelow

Lingua franca or Babel?

New York If General de Gaulle's vision of a Europe united in the Urals ever materializes, it will be about the. same size as Canada. It will

"If Canada dies, and the country is now gravely ill, the name of Sault Ste Marie, On-tario, should be chiseled on the gravestone," intooed the Toronto Globe and Mail columnist Jeffrey Simpson recently.

also bave some of the same

"Deeply regrettable," said Canada's Prime Minister Brian Mulroney. "Extremely damag-ing." said Ontario's Premier David Paterson. "Utterly de-plorable," said Quebec's Premier Robert Bourassa.

The cause of all this distress among Canada's Great and Good? Sault Ste. Marie's coun-cil, led by its Italian-Canadian Mayor Joseph Fratesi, had passed a resolution declaring the city's government to be uni-lingually English. It was rapidly followed by many more, "like a cancer that leaps from one part of a ravaged body to another" as The Globe's Simpson picturesquely described it.

To an outsider, this debate is ludicrously unreal. Ontario municipalities do not yet have to provide services in French (Canada's other official language), but they fear they will be compelled not unreasonably, in view of this tell-tale establishment outrage and the fact that the spread of Ottawa's bilingualism policy since its introduction oo the federal level in 1968, has been, well, cancer-like. The provincial government of Ontario has just been induced to declare itself officially bilingual, although the French-speaking proportion of the province's populatioo has fallen to 3.8 per cent, virtually all of whom can also speak English.

Even odder, the provincial government of Quebec, under the same Robert Bourassa, passed legislation last year re-affirming that it is unilingually French. But Canada's establishment didn't seem to find this - and 99 per cent English-"deplorable". Or even note- speaking - Canadian West.

Canada's official bilingualism was supposed to be the panacea against the inexorable emer-gence of Quebec - where almost all of the country's French minority is concentrated - as an iodependent French-speaking nation-state on the European model. This was the spectre of death itself to Canada's political ëlite, since the left-leaning electoral coalitions that have governed from Ottawa throughout much of this century have depended on cultivating a Quebec block vote.

Official bilingualism has failed, of course: it has not prevented Quebec governments, under both the avowedly separatist Parti Quebecois and Bourassa's nominally federalist provincial Liberals, from continuing to carve out increasing institutional autonomy, crushing the province's English-speaking micority in the process. In fact, separatist agitation in Quebec now seems to be in one

Quebec Liberal party recently let its mask slip and voted to consider "sovereignty" as a

policy option.
But Canada's liberal élite has no other solution to offer. So it continues its ritual obeisance to bilingualism, and its reflexive suppression of any Englishspeaking unrest, even to the point of threatening bilingualism's opponents with prosecution under Canada's equivalent of the Race Relations Act.

Official bilingualism is expensive. But the real impact of the policy, and part of the reason it is still so hlindly supported, is what economists would call its poblic choice consequences: its effect, regardless of its ostensible justification, on the actual distribution of perquisites and power. Official bilingualism is not just a matter of exchanging goodwill "bonjours". It absolutely requires that government institutions be run to a significant extent by people who are them-selves bilingual. In a country like Canada, which is not remotely bilingual in practice and where government takes somewhere up to half the gross national product, this amounts to massive social engineering.

According to the 1986 census; only some 16.2 per cent of Canada's 25 million people even claim to be bilingual. This proportion has not altered significantly over the years, and less than two out of three French-speakers and slightly more than nine out of ten English speakers are unilingual. All are in effect second-class citizens, unable to aspire to full careers in the civil service or, increasingly, to the highest offices in the land.

Not coincidentally, the effects of official bilingualism are intensely regressive. The policy reinforces precisely those groups in Canadian society from whom power has been slipping, oot least "Ceotral Canada". Ontario and Quebec, whose historical domination of the confederation is threatened by the burgeoning

What is the moral for Europe? Basically, that the rise of the nation-state was not an accident. What made it necessary for linguistic groups to have their own political structures was the sociological phenomenon of "modernization". This involved new flows of information and power throughout society, and made language an issue. In Quebec until as recently as 1960, the predominantly rural French were in some sense pre-modern and politically passive. Now they are not. Canada's official biliogualism is merely a transitional phase to their independence.

To the extent that the European Community means the creation of linguistic minorities and government by an unrepre-sentative multilingual élite, this moral will eventually have to be

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Does anybody actually watch those televised TV and film 'awards" ceremonies?

The question occurred to me when I had to present ooe. Not mind you - that it was I whom they had wanted. Someone really famous had let them down, and a man from the 12th floor at LWT telephoned in ask if I'd stand in. gabbliog something about Ricky" (or whoever) having to be io California and Michael Aspel, the host, wondering (gabble-gabble)...take Ricky's place at the Grosvenor and present (gabble-gabble) — something about a West German documentary on the sufferings of Turkish guest-workers in a chemical factory, videoed upsidedown with a camera concealed to

a duffle-bag. "How much?" I said, "How much?" said the man and I heard disbelieving female giggles at the other end - "You're joking? It's an incredible hooour. No ooe asks that. Even Tina

Turner's doing it for free."
So, mindful of the honour, 1 turned up at the Grosvenor and went through with it. It was extremely boring. Even I was bored, and I was on the stage. Worse, my secretary said I was the only award-presenter oot to have done up the buttoo of my diooer jacket. The tedium was only relieved by being seated at a table with a nice lady who said ber name was Virginia. She said she had just come back from Jersey Zoo. Before that she had visited zoos in France, some io Italy (I think) and ooe in Turkey.

"Gosh" I said, meaning to make spirited ecoversation what a funny sort of holiday! You must be wild about zoos!"
Her eyes — mnmentarily betrayed anger, which she con-trolled swiftly, changing the sub-ject. Later I discovered that this was Virginia McKenna and she is apparently very against zoos. She was remarkably polite, in the circumstances, and t resolved to

And last week they were at it again. I idly switched on the TV. "Aod oow", said a voice, "we come in a major award. Best video-lighting sequence. This was an incredibly competitive field. From a wealth of talent, the



Making the worst of the best

switched off again, horrified at the prospect of a camera panning io to someooe at a table screaming "Me? Oh my Gad. I can't believe it!" and all her friends

popping champagne corks and

This was near the beginning of the show, for heaven's sake: what would the later awards be for? Best graphics on end-credits? Best dubbed voice and silhouette of a terrorist giving interview to British journalist no the Shankhill Road estate? Best make-up artist's work concealing stubble of Labour MP?

This was a "craft" awards ceremony - oo possibility, that is, of either the skills or the personalities meaning anything at all to viewers. But there are the bigname ceremonies too: usually Tina Turner receiving an award, Tina Turner presenting an award,

or Tina Turner singing during the interval. Often, all three. Tina is followed by the award-

recipient who couldn't be with us 'at this time" but appears on a expresses delight completely out of sync with the interviewer our side of the Atlantic, due to the time-delay in outer space. And the inevitable sister of Michael Jackson who has flown in to receive the award on his behalf, because her brother is at present rejuvenating in a plastic bag.

And of course there are the clips. Fatuous, arbitrary-seeming 30-second clips from whatever performance has woo the award. They never work. How could .

they? Like those disappointing snatches of a great comedian's or tragic actor's best moments, inserted into obituarial news-reports, the thing is quite flat without the context on which it depended. The celebrity guests at the tables (who have not been

watching) applaud.

The clips are followed by speeches. Expressions of surprise, gratitude or humility of stagger-ing insincerity, followed by lists of "those who made it possible", of staggering banality. By this stage such viewers as remain are watching only in the faint hope that something might go horribly wrong — a presenter tripping over a trailing-cable, perhaps, or the

AutoCue packing up. Just one mountain remains unclimbed. Who will be the first to screen the "best TV awardsceremony" Awards? Tina Turner is available to do the cabaret.



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THE URNS OF EAST GERMANY

East Germans go to the polls tomorrow. For the millions who endured for 40 years in silence, the moment is sweet. The hopes aroused by the autumn revolutions all over central Europe are this spring reaching fulfilment. Only in Germany does apprehension cloud the horizon.

Tomorrow is also the centenary of Bismarck's fall. Chancellor Kohl has set himself the daunting task of restoring a united Germany - the Iron Chancellor's empire, minus the eastern provinces and Alsace-Lorraine - while not breaking faith with

Adenauer's westward-looking federal vision.

Against him stood Herr Willy Brandt. The grand old man of Social Democracy was projected by his party far more than Herr Oskar Lafontaine — his party's challenger to Herr Kohl in next December's West German elections - and made an eloquent case for a new Germany as the fount of peace and the fulcrum of European culture.

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It was, however, an election fought in the shadow of a flight of skilled labour and impending state bankruptcy. East Germans wanted to know whether their savings would be secured by a generous exchange rate, underwritten by the Bundesbank. Herr Kohl was unequivocal; Herr Lafontaine seemed less sure. It remains to be seen whether Herr Kohl will have to pay a political price among disgruntled West German taxpayers for his generosity to their East German countrymen.

The politicians from Bonn had a field day. During the campaign, indeed, the Chancellor himself became a major factor. Over a million East Germans attended his six big meetings, and his magnetism was such that by the end he needed only to mention German unity to have his audience in ecstasy. Herr Kohl's mid-election about-turn on the Polish border issue seemed to be accepted. So, too, was his insistence that a reunified Germany must remain anchored in Nato.

In the last week, the right-of-centre Alliance for Germany nosed ahead of the reformed Social Democrats in the polls. But in such uncharted electoral territory, and with 24

parties involved, predictions must be even more tentative than usual.

There were limits to the ad hominem cutand-thrust of the campaign. It was remarkable that, after 40 years of state-sponsored "anti-Zionism", no attempt was made to exploit the fact that both the Democratic Socialist (communist) leader, Herr Gregor Gysi, and his Social Democrat counterpart, Herr Ibrahim Böhme, are Jewish. That such restraint cannot be taken for granted was demonstrated in Austria by President Kurt Waldheim's notorious campaign of 1986.

For the new East German parties, it was a first real test. Not all of them passed. Despite generations of collaboration, both Social Democrats and Christian Democrats proved able to rise above their ignominious past Involvement with the communist regime of one kind or another was a charge that few East German politicians could honestly deny.

It was a shock, even so, when the leader of the CDU's junior partner in the Alliance for Germany, Herr Wolfgang Schnur of Democratic Awakening, turned out to have spied for the secret police. Protesting his innocence, he had to be bullied into resignation by Herr Kohl's lieutenants, only four days before the election. His prompt replacement by a clergyman, Pastor Rainer Eppelmann, with impeccable anti-communist credentials, may reassure voters that the Alliance has not been infiltrated by frauds.

"Beauty is truth, truth beauty," Keats says in the "Ode on a Grecian Urn". Since ancient Athenians filled their urns with pebbles more than two millenniums ago, democracy has rarely staged such a triumphant procession as the sequence of elections now commencing. Remembering the falsified results of last May's local elections by Honecker and Krenz, East Germans already know that democracy can be degraded by liars in high office. This first free election since 1933 demonstrated their resolve to force their leaders to tell them the truth, even when it was ugly. Europe need not fear a nation which is honest with itself.

HUMPTY DUMPTY IN JERUSALEM

When political activity resumes in Jerusalem tomorrow after the Sahbath, President Chaim Herzog will start the process of trying to put Humpty Dumpty together again. The Labour Party had been sapping the foundations of the wall for three weeks, and they had their victory on Thursday when five members of the Orthodox Shas Party decided to abstain on a motion of no confidence in the Prime Minister, Mr Yitzhak Shamir.

What will replace the "coalition of national unity"? Who will be at its head? What will be its majority in the Knesset? Observers of the israch political scene are wise to remember the old Talmudic saying that after the destruction of the Second Temple, the gift of prophecy was reserved for children and fools.

To say that the fall of Mr Shamir is good for Israel is not to take sides. The loveless embrace in which Israel's two major parties have been locked for the past 15-months has never been convincing, and occasionally it has looked downright unedifying. The coalition foundered on deep disagreements about how the peace process should be pursued, and it is right that the possibilities should now be explored of putting together an administration that would make a better fist of it.

It is not a law of nature that the new government will be very different from the old. Two Israelis, three political parties", says the old saw. The Israeli character and temperament will clearly not change. Should they instead try to modify their electoral system? It is highly unlikely that the attempt will be made this nime round. The parties which would stand to lose most are the religious parties and it is they who at present hold the balance of

Putting together a Knesset majority makes three-dimensional chess seem easy. None of the parties is anything like as monolithic as they are sometimes portrayed - Likud and Labour have both been accurately described as political supermarkets" - and there is a great deal of fluidity within and between the various

groupings. The five members of the Shas Party who brought Mr Shamir down on Thursday, for instance, decided to abstain on the ground that life might be saved if the peace process went forward and would continue to be lost if it were delayed. The days when the religious parties were automatically assumed to be on the right of the Israeli political spectrum are clearly over, if indeed there ever was such a

The smile of jubilation which Mr Peres permitted himself in the Knesset on Thursday may become less broad in the course of the next few weeks. for all that, I here was a time when the Labour Party was almost synonymous with the nation, but those palmy days of effortless ascendancy are long past. Mr Peres has been less elever than his Likud rivals at bringing on a new generation. He says he is confident that he can muster a large majority in support of the peace process, but that is by no means certain. Five of the 60 members of the Knesset who voted with him on Thursday are from Arab or communist parties which Labour would find it impossible to accept as partners in government.

If it comes to an election, there are two issues on which there will be no disagreement. Israelis are at one in wishing to see a united Jerusalem as the eapital of Israel. Only an eccentrie handful would countenance the idea of negotiation with the PLO. Beyond that, the rival manifestos would offer a wide range of incompatible views.

It has not yet been established whether the winds blowing from eastern Europe will have any effect on Israel or what that effect would be. The events of the next few weeks will certainly be closely watched in Washington. There has been some feeling in Jerusalem that the United States has come within an ace of abandoning its role of honest broker in recent weeks. That is something Mr Shamir could easily turn to his advantage. For the next few weeks at least, State Department officials can be expected to be models of circumspection.

LIFE AND DEATH

There is widespread sympathy for Dr Stephen Lodwig, accused of murdering a terminally-ill patient. He was cleared at the Central Criminal Court this week when the prosecution offered no evidence. The experience must for all that have been a terrifying one for a young man at the start of his career.

To some extent he had himself to blame. He allegadly told a nurse "I'm going to send somebody up out there" - then drew one inger across his throat and pointed in the air. The nursing staff reported him, and were praised by the judge for their vigilance. The questions raised by the episode, however, have tittle to do with a young man's indiscretion. They touch upon the duty of a doctor and how this is interpreted by society. Dramatie advances in medical science have made them more pertinent than ever. They have also made the answers more clusive.

Dr Lodwig gave his patient an injection which might be categorized as high-risk. He did so, however, with the consent of the patient's relatives, who had pleaded with him to ease the poor man's pain. It was a professional decision. He made it in good faith and in what he felt were the best interests of the

The power over life and death is both a privilege and a burden borne by doctors, hut the line between the two has become blurred by advances in technology and drugs. The decision on whether to turn off the life support machine of a young person in a coma following an accident is one over which relatives and doctors have to agonize from time to time. The question of how far one may go in lessening the agony of incurable cancer is no less testing.

It would be difficult to codify such judgements. One must continue, for instance, to oppose the legalization of euthanasia. The campaign to do so was briefly revived four years ago following the revelation that the dying King George V was given drugs to ease his suffering. Even in Holland, where one death in three may now result from euthanasia, the practice remains illegal.

This is not to condemn those occasional tragic cases where it is practised by desperately sick people. The story told in court yesterday of Mrs Karen Taylor who was persuaded by her husband, crippled by multiple sclerosis, to give him a lethal dose of sleeping tablets, clearly deserved the sympathy expressed by the judge.

The sanctity of life remains paramount, however, and any doctor who devalues it does so at his peril. The erosion of that ethic would undermine the confidence between doctors and their patients. It is better to leave the guidelines indistinct than to shift the balance of existing legislation.

Doctors faced by this moral dilemma might, however, feel it sensible to take precautions. To exercise such a judgement without consulting the relatives would clearly be to lay oneself open to an inquiry. It would also be wise to consult a medical colleague. If the issue is to arise more often in future, medical practitioners will elearly feel the need of some

Whether the case against Dr Lodwig should have been brought is more easily answered. The law must be observed, but the circumstances were such that to arraign him on a charge of murder reflects more on the legal than on the medical profession.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Looking abroad for market truths

From Mr Michael Heseltine, MP for Henley (Conservative)
Sir, Your second leader in yesterday's paper (March 14) makes reference to the lessons we can learn from Germany and Japan and misrepresents my views.

The first lesson is proper management of the economy to pro-vide price stability as the essential background for industry and commerce. That is why I argue for an independent central bank and our early membership of the ERM (exchange-rate mechanism).

The second is the consistent high quality of German and Japanese education and training standards. For a century or more we have failed to emulate them. This is now elearly realised and this Government is tackling both.

The third is the need for a strong bome market, large enough to sustain competition between com-panies and enable them to win in world markets. That is why I exposed the defence industries to effective competition and wby I strongly supported the Govern-ment in the passage of the Single European Act

The fourth is the vital role of management in pursuing excellence at every level of a company's performance. That must include proper motivation of the work force.

The fifth is the close relationship between owners and managers in German and Japanese companies, which enables them to work for the long term, building up their market share and more readily directing resources to research and development and training.

The sixth is the effect of the fiscal incentives in our society, which encourage the growth of home ownership and the provision of institutional pensions. These are desirable objectives but they explain, in part, the dif-ference in savings patterns between those two countries and our

All else fades into insignificance compared to these vital factors. Yours faithfully. MICHAEL HESELTINE

have to say that men and women

in Eastern Europe risked their

lives in popular movements to establish democracy, while British mobs, revealing their own under-

standing of democracy, endan-

gered other people's lives in

demonstrations to advertise their refusal to pay a charge, democrati-

cally authorised, designed to meet

a fraction of the costs of services

Sir, Homeowners often complain

that they pay for local services of which non-homeowners partake

but contribute nothing towards.

However, nearly all property-

owners are receiving or have

received mortgage interest relief

over many years. It seems that they have not thought to ask what

the source is of such a generous

subsidy, which is running at the

The source is the general fund of

taxation, in other words the home

of taxpayers money, and non-

bomeowners are not exempted from contributing to it.

rate of £7 billion a year.

Yours sincerely,

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A. E. LUCAS.

March 13.

provided for their community?

Yours faithfully, GEOFFREY TREASURE,

57 The High Street,

Harrow on the Hill

From Mr A. E. Lucas

Middlesex

March 11.

House of Commons.

Surprise and disquiet over poll tax From Major General B. C. tumultuous months, will they

Gordon Lennox Sir. The Government seems to have been taken by surprise by the poli tax rates set by many local councils, and the consequent im-plications for the less well-off. Its surprise probably results, in part at least, from central govern-ment's lack of understanding of the detailed functions, strengths and limitations of local government.

Today members of Parliament tend to get involved in local government issues only when problems emerge. For their part, local councillors must often leave much of their council's discussions with central government to committees of officials.

In our increasingly complicated and congested country, the time may have come when the larger local authorities should each have a small but articulate liaison team, whose sole purpose would be to find ont and communicate to their councils as it might affect them, the ideas and future proposals of central government, and vice

Yours faithfully, BERNARD GORDON LENNOX (Chairman, Sane Planning in the South East), Hill House. Eversley, Hampshire. March 12.

From Mr G. R. R. Treasure Sir. When historians come to

record the events of the last Misuse of footpaths

From Mr Jonathan Cheal Sir, I act for several farmers and landnwners near Bath whose land abuts paths which are to be reclassified by the local authority into "Boats" (byways open to all traffic) under the strangely worded provisions of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981.

The Act allows a "Rupp" (road used as a public path) to be turned into a "Boat" on the sole criterion of historical evidence (often of dubious status) regardless of the desirability or practical suitability of the change.

Some local authorities seem prepared to order this reclassification purely on the word of motorbake clubs who allege that their members have been using the path in question for some years as of right. This is flatly contradicted by local people who have lived in the area all their lives and who are keen to testify that the path has never been used by vehicles of any type, and that it is impassable by anything other than a walker or a

If the letter of the Act is to be imposed with such scant regard for reality, and the wishes of country people, it is a great pity, and many old paths will as a result be turned into race tracks, along which walkers and horse riders will be reluctant to venture. Yours faithfully, JONATHAN CHEAL

As an atheist who was brought

up as a Methodist, I share neither

Professor Dummet's Roman

Catholie perspective nor his

Christian faith. But I do share his

concern at the callousness and insensitivity of the intellectual

when we thrust the dagger of our intellectual superiority into the

heart of other people's simple faith

we are engaging in a form of

It is time we recognised that

culture we have created.

Thrings & Long (Solicitors), Midland Bridge Road, Bath. Avon. March 14.

'The Satanic Verses'

From Mr Richard Webster

Sir, The Reverend Alan Cooke's rather curt letter (March 2) about The Satanic Verses affair should not be allowed to pass without comment. The crucial question is not, as be suggests, whether "the Muslims' God is offended by Salman Rushdie's book", but whether Muslims themselves have been. Nobody by now can doubt that they have and that their feelings of burt are deep and entirely authentic.

If, in our Christian or post-Christian society, we find these feelings difficult to understand this is partly because, as Professor Michael Dummett observed recently, intellectuals have sanc-tified the assumption that religious believers may properly be affronted, indeed deserve to be

Harrods findings

Sir, I doubt very much whether the Al Fayed lies amounted to any sort of criminal offence. If so, they clearly fell within the province of the Director of Public Prosecutions and would not be one for the Secretary of State for Trade and industry to deal with.

Mr Ridley's powers of disqualification are governed by the Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986. The grounds upon which action can be taken are set out in the Act and can be paraphrased under the following 1. Certain serious criminal of-

2. Persistent disregard of the company's rules regarding accounts, etc.

3. The unfitness of a director. The Act is quite specific on what constitutes unfimess, paraphrased as follows: (a) breaches of duty towards the company itself; (b) misappropriation of funds; (c) the company entering into improper

intellectual cruelty which is actually a form of real cruelty. If we compound the offence by using obscenity to grease the dagger of insult, we are almost bound to

engender an angry response. We should not now seek to renew the insult by publishing The Satanic Verses in paperback. Yours faithfully, RICHARD WEBSTER, The Orwell Bookshop, 64 High Street, Southwold, Suffolk.

deals; (d) no proper accounts; (e) misconduct on insolvency.

From Mr T. H. Richardson None of these grounds are available to Mr Ridley and his only fault appears to have been that he was too laconic in explaining matters to the House of Commons. Yours faithfully

T. H. RICHARDSON, Doberman, Riehardson, Broady & Horsman (Solicitors), College Chambers, 92/94 Borough Road, Middlesbrough, Cleveland. March 12

From Dr R. G. L. von Zugbach Sir, Most correspondence of the past week (March 10, 12, 13, 15) on the Harrods affair demonstrates the primitiveness of thinking about business to this country. Competitive commerce is not a game of cricket.

Entrepreneurs owe a duty to

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Prospect of Nazi war crimes trials

From Lord Shawcross, QC Sir, If I may adopt his own choice of language, Professor Cameron Watt (March 14) should "certainly know better" than "to break ont" into the "pretty dubious rhetoric" which characterizes his letter on

l am not clear on the meaning of the second paragraph of his letter. There is no question of a statute of remission for war crimes. If Parliament thought such a statute appropriate there is no legal reason to inhibit it. What is at issue now is rather the opposite, namely legislation permitting, at least 45 years after the event, prosecutions for war crimes in this country which under existing law could not take place.

By 1947-48 all political parties had concluded that the prosecution of war crimes should be brought to an end, Lawyers, led by me as the then Attorney General, had been anxious to bring a far larger number of war criminals to trial — although, as I minuted the Prime Minister, warning that at the then dilatory rate of progress the trials would "go on till the crack of doom". The fact was that a period was reached when it was reached when it was generally felt that the trials had become, as the phrase then was,

"counter-productive". Early in 1947 the Foreign Secretary, Ernest Bevin, minuted the War Secretary that "It is desirable that all trials should be completed by March 1st, 1947, or as soon thereafter as possible." It is significant that it was the overseas reconstruction committee of the Cabinet which eventually took the formal decision "that the 1st September, 1948, was to be a firm date for the end of such trials."

The Secretary of State for Commonwealth Relations minuted the Commonwealth countries on July 13, 1948, that ... in our view punishment of war criminals is more a matter of

discouraging future generations than of meting out retribution to every guilty individual. Moreover, in view of future polinical developments in Germany . . . we are convinced that it is now necessary to dispose of the Mr Churchill, on October 28,

1948 told Parliament Revenge is of no satisfaction, the most costly and long drawn out: retributive persecution is, of all policies, the most peraicious. Our policy, subject to the exceptional cases I have mentioned, should benceforward be to draw the sponge across the crimes and horrors of the past - hard as that may be - and look, for the sake of all our salvations, towards the future.

The Home Secretary followed

British Jewry From Professor Geoffrey Alderman

Kopelowitz, the President of the Board of Deputies of British Jews ("A worthy successor to Jakobovits", March 10), that the Chief Rabbi of the United Hebrew Congregations "is generally rec-ognized both outside the Jewish community, and within it, as the public religious representative of the totality of British Jewry" is in my view nothing more than a piece of wishful thinking.

The constitution of the Board of Deputies stipulates that on religious matters the board must be guided by its two ecclesiastical authorities, the Chief Rabbi of the United Hebrew Congregations and the spuritual head of the Spanish and Portuguese Jews; additionally, it must consult with the ecclesiastical authorities of affiliated congregations which do not recognize the authority of either of these two gentlemen. The

Past services

From Mr Leslie Duckworth Sir, Mr Randle (March 9) queries the significance of "emeritus" as an academic title. The late Professor Seaborne Davies, a great teacher of law and former Dean of the Faculty of Law at the University of Liverpool, had the title "Professor Emeritus" conferred upon him when be retired.

Thereafter be liked to explain, "for the benefit of those who had not had the advantage of a classical education", that the "E" was derived from the Latin meaning 'out", and "meritus" indicated that it was deservedly so. Yours faithfully, LESLIE DUCKWORTH, 4 Irton Road, Southport, Merseyside.

their families, their backers and to themselves to maximise competinve advantage by all possible means, short of breaking the law. An entrepreneur who baulks at misleading some jack-in-office, with no legal come-back, is clearly derelict in his duty. Such a person is not fit to have control of the property of others, for he is liable

to place personal whim or scruple

before the duty of care towards the

assets in his charge. If the Fayeds lied to Department of Trade and Industry officials, breaking no law, this must be judged as the normal and proper behaviour of competent and responsible entrepreneurs. The wrath that has been directed at them would be better targeted at the officials who were so incompetent as to be duped.

am. Sir, your obedient servant, REGGIE von ZUGBACH, Glasgow Business School, Department of Management Studies, University of Glasgow, 53-59 Southpark Avenue,

March 15,

birn by saying the sponge had been

In my own opinion, as a once mere practising lawyer, the prosecutions which are contemplated by the Bill now before Parliament would violate the basic principles of British justice and law. But Professor Cameron Watt

would no doubt characterize such a view as "dubious rhetoric". It comes, bowever, from one wbo was one of the main protagonists of bringing war criminals to justice after the war.

Yours truly, HARTLEY SHAWCROSS, House of Lords. March 14.

From Sir Frederick Lawton Sir, Professor D. Cameron Watt accepts, somewhat rejuctantly, that practicability may prevent some trials. He seems to think there will be no practical problems once the Director of Public Prosecutions has decided that there is enough evidence to put before a court. Weighing the evidence will provide many more.

The evidence put before the courts is likely to fall into one or other or all of three categories: evidence of confessions, eye-witness accounts of events, coupled with evidence identifying the accused with them, and inferences of guilt reasonably to be drawn from proven or admitted facts, that is

circumstantial evidence. The present-day disquiet over the reliability of confessions and the need for courts to enquire in details and depth into the circumstances in which they were made will be difficult to dispel in respect of any confessions made over 40 years ago on Soviet territory. Eye witness accounts of events a long. time ago can be unreliable, evi-dence of identification notoriously

Circumstantial evidence is likely to be the most reliable, provided that the court knows what the circumstances were.

Over 20 years ago in the libel action arising out of the publication of the novel Exodus, the plaintiff, Dr Dering, had to admit that he had sterilised a number of men and women but alleged that he had done so under fear for his own life. The jury must have found that issue difficult to decide.

As the trial judge I found giving them a direction on it very difficult iodeed. So, in my view, will whoever presides over these proposed trials.

Yours buly, FREDERICK LAWTON, The Village Skelton, York, March 14.

Union of Orthodox Hebrew Congregations, which Dr Kopelowitz

menuons, is not even affiliated to the board. Sir. The assertion by Dr Government departments most certainly do not recognize the Chief Rabbi of the United Hebrew Congregations as representing the totality of British Jewry. For example, a consultative document issued by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food to June, 1989, contained the names of no fewer than nine rabbis whose views the ministry sought, and of

three synagogal bodies. The notion that the Chief Rabbi of the United Hebrew Congregations is somehow the "public religious representative" of British Jewry lacks all substance, and the forthcoming retrement of Rabba Lord Jakobovits seems to me a most opportune time for it to be finally laid to rest. Yours faithfully GEOFFREY ALDERMAN.

Wit's End, 172 Colindeep Lane, NW9.

Gallipoli campaign

From Mr J. A. Mizzi Sir, Brian James's account (March 3) of the ill-fated Gallipoli campaign revives memories in Malta among the relatives of the many Maltese who fought and died there in the warships and regiments. One of the first Anzacs to fall on April 25 was a Maltese; so was one of the last to die at the evacuation of Cape Helles on January 7.

Maltese officers won two Military Crosses and many were mentioned in despatches. Some 800 Maltese provided the labour battalions with the Anzacs. Malta also looked after 2,500 officers and 55,500 other ranks at the 28 bospitals and convalescent camps for the sick and wounded from the Dardanelles. The dockyard provided all the needs for the large Allied naval force.

All this, it seems, has been forgotten and Malta has not been invited to the ceremonies being held in Turkey on April 25 for the 75th anniversary of the landings. Yours truly, J. A. MIZZI

13 The White House, Our Lady of Sorrows Street, St Paul's Bay,

Sleeping easy

From Mr D. A. Chance Sir, Is the duvet (or continental quilt) an invention of the devil? One is either too hot or, without it. too cold.

When confronted with it while staying with friends, should one (a) ask for blankets or (b) adapt oneself - and if so, how? Yours sincerely D. A. CHANCE, The Grange, Funtington, Chichester, West Sussex

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GEORGE COSTAKIS

The man who rescued Russia's abstract paintings

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COURT SOCIAL

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE March 16: General Sir John Akehurst was received by The Queen upon relinquishing his appointment as Deputy Supreme Allied Commander, Europe.

Mr David Ratford was received in audience by The Queen and kissed hands upon his appointment as Her Majesty's Ambassador Extra-ordinary and Plenipotentiary at Oslo.

Mrs Ratford was also received by The Queen. The Duke of Edinburgh this morning visited the Head-quarters of Tarmac Plc,

Hiltoo Hall, Wolverhampton, Staffordshire. Afterwards, His Royal High-ness visited Bugatti Molsheim Lid, Prescott, Gotherington, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Gloucestershire (Colonel Martin Gibbs). Captain Michael Hutchings

was in attendance. By Command of The Queen Earl of Strathmore and Kinghorne (Lord in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport, London this evening upon the departure of The President of the People's Republic of Mozambique and bade facewell to His Excellency on behalf of Her Majesty.

Her Majesty.
The Princess Royal, President, Federation Equestre Ioternationale, this afternoon attended the World Cup Final Dressage, Nashua, s-Hertogenbosch, Holland. Mrs Timothy Holderness

Memorial service

Professor A.A. (Alec) Parker A memorial service for Profes sor A.A. (Alec) Parker was held yesterday in the Chapel of King's College London. Father Jim Overton officiated. Mr Bernard Parker, son, read ex-cerpts from his father's un-published autobiography.

Marriage

The Earl of Portsmouth and Miss A. Fergusson The marriage took place yes-terday in Sheridan, Wyoming, of the Earl of Portsmouth, of Farleigh Wallop, Basingstoke, Hampshire, to Miss Annabel Fergusson, eldest daughter of Dr and Mrs Ian Fergusson, of Tudor Place, Richmond Green, mission, in succession to Lord

icy): 6-30 Sermon & Compline, The Dean.
(ORIK MINSTER: 8, 8.45 HC: 10 Such, Litany dioosemore). Missa Srevis Leighton), Canon R Mayland: 1.30 M: 2-30 Expressions of Heritage & Hope: 4 E. Gloucester Service Howells, Civilas sancti tut (Byrd). The Very Rev J Southgate. Tr PAULS CATHEDRAL 8 HC. Seapones (Ebdon): 10.30 M, Stanford n C, Ashford in F, Very Rev E Evans: 1 30 HC. Mass for four voices byrd). Call of engential to the Complex (Complex Complex C

Birthdays

TODAY: Sir Donald Barron, former chairman, Midland Bank, 69; Lady (Megan) Bull, former governor, Holloway Prison, 68; Dr Sir Barry Cross, president, Corpus Christi Coll-ege, Cambridge, 65; Vice-Admiral Sir Donald Gibson, 74; Sir Arthur Hockaday, former director-geoeral, Common-wealth War Graves Com-mission, 64; Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Edmond Joly de Lotbinière, Sir Edmond Joly de Lotbinière, 87; Mr Robin Knox-Johnston, yachtsman, 5t; the Earl of Lauderdale, 79; Profiessor John Lill, pianist, 46; Mrs Penelope Lively, writer, 57; Mr Rudolf Nureyev, ballet dancer and choreographer, 52; the Most Rev K.M.P. O'Brien, Archbishop of St Andrews and Edinburgh, 52; Sir Patrick Reilly, diplomat, 81; Dr Sir Raymond Rickett, director, Raymond Rickett, director, Middlesex Polytechnic, 63; Miss Galina Samsova, ballerina, 53; Dr David Stafford-Clark, psychiatrist, 74; Mr Michael Whitaker, showjumper, 30.

TOMORROW: Professor Alexander Boksenberg, director, Royal Greenwich Observatory, 54; Major D.H. Butter, Lord Lieutenant of Perth and Kin-ross, 70; Mr J.P. Dawson, trades ross, 70; Mr J.P. Dawson, trades unionist, 50; Miss Lois Dyer, physiotherapist, 65; Mr Pat Eddery, jockey, 38; Sir William Fraser, principal and vice-chancellor, Glasgow University, 61; Sir Peter Harrop, civil servant, 64; Mr Alex Higgins, snooker player, 41; Mr Pstrick Kavanagh, former deputy commissioner, Metropolitan Police, 67; Sir Robin McAlpine, former chairman, Sir Robert McAlpine and Sons, 84; Professor Sir Gordon Robson, anaestheist, 69; Mr Alan Sapper, trades unionist, 59; Mr Ingemar Stenmark, skier, 34; Lord Strathspey, 78; Professor Eric Sunderland, vice-chancellor, University of Wales, 60; Mr John Updike, writer, 58.

Appointments

Latest appointments include: Field Marshal Sir John Stanier to be Constable of the Tower of London, in succession to Field Marshal Sir Roland Gibbs, who retires in July. Brigadier Matcolm Gray Dennison to be Lord Licutenant of Orkney, in succession to Sir Robert Macrae.

March 14. He was 84. Llewellyn Heycock was a Services tomorrow



He financed his new acquisitions by the sale of his

learning about their ideas and ist Realism under Stalin. did buying their avant-garde not understand his interest and were only too happy to

Rodchenko and Stepanova, former Constructivists earlier collection of antiques. Alexander Rodchenko and his Some of the artists, disillutarionov, Goncharova, wife Varvara Stepanova, and sioned by the years of purges Malevich, Tatlin, Popova or

OBITUARIES

openly on his walls, his flat was burgled and there was later a fire at his dacha, all in suspicious circumstances. He decided to approach the Soviet authorities directly to try and do a deal. Eventually,

Exter, had barely been heard of in the West in those years.

Nor had Costakis himself then

an idea that one day he would

have a treasure on his hands.

Costakis's apartment in

Moscow was the only place

where art lovers in the know

could see such works. Igor

Stravinsky, the composer, and

Marc Chagall were among the

Gradually Western art scholars began to seek

Costakis out until he felt that

he was, as he once out it,

sitting on a barrel of

He no longer dared to

display these banned works

after lengthy negotiations, he was permitted to leave the Soviet Union with 20 per cent of his collection, the remainder going to the Tretyakov Gallery in Moscow. He emigrated, accompanied by his wife and family, to

Greece in 1978 and since then works from his collection have been exhibited in many parts of the world, including at the Royal Academy in London in 1983. His daughter, Aliki, now runs the Costakis Art Gallery in an Athens suburb.

Costakis was endlessly willing to explain and enthuse about the Russian avant-garde which he believed was "the greatest art of this century."

A vital aspect of the development of 20th century abstract painting was saved by the passion and doggedness of this one man.

LORD HEYCOCK

Lord Heycock, CBE, a South Wales engine driver who carned a life peerage for his stalwart commitment to local government and state education, died in Port Talbot on

George Costakis, who died in Athens on March 9 at the age

of 78, was very largely respon-

sible for saving and

the first heady days of post-

From the 1940s until 1978,

when he and his family left the

Soviet Union for Greece, he

thousand works of more than

40 artists whose early abstact

work had since been pro-

scribed by Stalin as "formal-

Costakis was born in Mos-

cow in 1912. His father had

been a wealthy tobacco mer-

1917 Revolution, though he

nevertheless supported its aims. George had to begin working when he finished

primary school and trained as

a car mechanic, finding a job

as a driver at the Greek

During the 1930s, inspired

by his memories of the fam-

ily's going to church, he began

to collect Russian icons, silver

After the Second World

War, however, when he be-came an administrative of-ficer at the Canadian

Embassy, he first saw a paint-

ing by the Suprematist artist.

Olga Rozanova, and became

fascinated by the colours and

forms of the swiftly-changing

art movements that had in-

troduced abstraction to Russia

during the first two decades or

Costakis decided to seek out

similar artists, including the

so of this century.

and other antiques.

Legation

ist" and "degenerate".

revolutionary Russia.

forceful and go-getting politician in South Wales, As a member of the old Glamorgan County Council for nearly 40 years and chairman of its Education Committee from 1944 to 1974, he oversaw the changeover to comprehensive education, and became chairman and leader of the newlyformed West Glamorgan establishment of Welsh County Council for its initial schools in South Wales.

two years, starting in 1973. Never a great speaker, he was a forceful man who knew how to get at the heart of the matter. He was a life-long socialist, deeply committed to children getting the best out of the education system. He had himself had to forego a scholarship because his parents were unable to support him and he was determined that this should not happen to future generations of children. State for Wales.

Although he was not Welshspeaking, his Welshness was unquestionable, and he strongly promoted the

Llewellyn Heycock was born near Port Talbot on August 12, 1905. He began his working life as an engine driver at the Dyffryn Yard loco sheds, Port Talbot, and was, from 1937, active in local government in Glamorgan. It was a great blow to him when he lost the parliamentary nomination for Aberavon in 1959 to John Morris, who was later to become Secretary of

In 1967 he was made a life peer. He greatly enjoyed "the club" of the Upper House, in which he took an active part.

After politics his great relaxation was rugby football. He and one son.

was a life-long supporter of the Aberavon club and for many years its president. A story has it that on one occasion two serious-minded Mormons went to his bungalow and asked his wife: "Is the Lord within" to which Lady Heycock replied: "Not at the moment, he's at Aberavon Rugby Club.

He was admitted to the Gorsedd Bards in 1963.

Heycock was regarded as the kindest of mentors who, beneath a rather harsh exterior, was a devoted family

He leaves his widow, Olive,

JIM EDE

The enjoyment of art in a domestic setting

H. S. (Jim) Ede, who founded the remarkable Keule's Yard Gallery over 30 years ago in a group of condemned cottages in Cambridge, died on March 15 in Edinburgh. He was 94.

Ede's dream "of creating a living space where works of art could be enjoyed in a domestic setting" materialised in 1956, when he returned to Cambridge after a life devoted to art.

He had made a reputation as a critic 30 years earlier with his published work on Florentine master drawings, while the appearance, in 1931, of Savage Messiah, which told the fascinating story of the love of the French sculptor Henri Gaudier, for Sophie Brzeska, attracted wide atten-

Harold Stanley Evans - to be known universally thereafter as "Jim" - was born on April 7, 1895, near Cardiff. When he was fourteen his family moved to Cambridge and be went for a time to the Leys School. He hated school but "broke bounds to search the Free Library and the Fitzwilliam Museum" and fell in love with early Italian

Then came a hrief apprenticeship in art at Newlyn in Cornwall before the First World War. In the war he was badly gassed and invalided out but, after recovering, he was sent back to Cambridge and in 1916 was training cadets at Trinity and drilling them on the Backs.

He ended the war in India and then worked as photographer's boy at the National Gallery before beginning a fifteen-year stint as an assistant at the Tate (1920-1935). In 1921 he married Helen Schlapp and they had over fifty years of great happiness together, which was only

ended by her death in 1977. They befriended Ben and Winifred Nicholson in 1923 and, for Ede, a door into the world of contemporary art was opened. He also met Mirô, David Jones, Chagall, and Christopher Wood in 1924, and first saw the work of Gandier-Brzeska two years

Ede recognized the great talent of the sculptor, who had been killed on the Western Front at the age of 24. After the death of Sophie Brzeska, most of his works were bought by Ede, whose book Savage



Messiah, established the artist's reputation.

During his years at the Tate the Edes bought I Elm Row, Hampstead, from Frieda, widow of D. H. Lawrence their circle of friends included T. E. Lawrence, Erra Pound and Barbara.

From 1935, Ede and Helen lived abroad for much of the next twenty years. He built a house in Morocco, and also made regular lecture tours to the United States. In 1952 the Edes bought a Loire Valley

In 1956 be returned to Cambridge, where he found what he was looking for - four smail slum cottages at Kettle's Yard at the foot of Castle Hill. These he converted into a unique benefaction with pictures, sculptures, glass and china, furniture, rugs, books, pebbles, the accumulation of forty years of idiosyncratic taste and judgement.

Between two and four o'clock he opened his door to any who cared to ring the bell. Hundreds of undergraduates were enlightened by such visits. Moreover he lent them pictures from his surplus.

After ten years Ede transferred ownership lock, stock and barrel to the University and helped in the building and endowing of an extension to the house and an exhibition gallery. These were opened by the Prince of Wales in 1970, He also endowed the Brancusi Fund, now known as Kettle's Yard Travel Fund.

The Edes retired to Edinburgh, where his wife had grown up, in 1973, and his last years were spent tirelessly visiting the old and the sick: His two daughters survive

Clifford Longley

The business of investing in faith

recently in a remarkable publication called Moscow News, one of the new glasnost generation of Soviet newspapers: "As a society we are doomed to poverty as long as wealth is recognized as the highest vice..." Perhaps it is time Western Christianity did its own peristroika.

A call for a church study of the ethics of wealth creation, similar to and with at least the same weight as the Church of England's report on inner urban areas, Faith in the City, emerged from a private seminar in London on Thursday attended by more than 30 opinion leaders in religion and industry.

It seemed likely that this is a proposition heading rapidly for the in-tray of the Archbishop of Canterbury, not least as the seminar's chairman, Sir Richard O'Brien, has already chaired two commissions dear to the present archbishop's career. He presided, at Dr Runcie's request, over the group which wrote Faith in the City ... and at the Prime Minister's request, over the group which selected Dr Runcie for his present post ten years

Topicality had been secured for this event by the timely outburst of Mr Peter Morgan, director of the Institute of Directors, who while not present in person had recently made the headlines with an attack on the church for treating wealth creation as mucky and squalid.

Thursday's seminar was sponsored by The Times and the Comino Foundation, and The Times published the keynote papers on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday this week. The three authors - the historian and theologian Provost David Edwards of Southwark Cathedral, Lord Caldecote, Christian engineer and passionate industrialist, and Bishop John Jukes, the Roman Catholic Church's own "minister for trade and industry" - were present to defend and expand their various published positions.

Lord Caldecote was the plaintiff in the case, in that his role was to indict the churches with the neglect of wealth creation, which he had done with more balance but no less force than Mr Morgan's furious accusations. As it happened Provost Edwards and Bishop Jukes had entered early pleas of guilty before even the seminar



It was those prospects of reform

which provided the substance of the seminar, in fact. There must be wealth creation - that could not be challenged. Christians could not shrink timidly away, nor leave it to non-Christians. If there is wealth, someone must own it, and that could not be left to non-Christians either. So what are the rules? For riches have their own temptation. Bishop Jukes is a Franciscan, by profession and vow one of the church's poorest of the poor; and as such the only man equipped to give a meaningful absolution to any consciences present which were troubled

But in the choice between capital and labour, labour was the more important, being human. This also was Catholic social teaching, a pres-ence in the seminar which saved it from the sometimes circular process of Anglican thinking in this subject. it, however: it cannot surely mean that every Ford worker's pay claim must be met in full, regardless of its impact on little old ladies keeping poverty from the door by small investments (or on the income of the Church been said.)

times called selfish self-interest and skills of cooperation are at least as sometimes the desire to provide better for one's family, was one of the key ideas left hanging, perhaps a ready-made chapter heading for the grand study of wealth-creation which Dr

Runcie will soon be thinking about The problem is an ancient one - is it wrong to want to be richer? Even the most well-heeled among the seminarians seemed to put it no higher than the church once regarded the pleasure of sex, a necessary but regrettable concession to man's animal side in order that the world should continue to turn. These are the darker corners of the wealth creation psyche, and the key word, never once uttered on Thursday, is guilt. But it was never satisfactory that the church should have insisted on extracting the tribute of guilt as a spiritual poll tax on sexual intercourse. If wealth creation is as essential as sex to the continuation of the race, why should such economic intercourse still have to wear its

penitential robes, even in Lent? Another hanging thought was competition, another chapter heading for Dr Runcie, perhaps. Some at the seminar considered it just bad. Most had put it, with sex and wealth, in the Manichean part of themselves, nice but naughty. The capitalist's anguish was dramatically put. Economic competition meant deviousness and slyness in out-manoeuvring the opposition, as the pursuit of business self-interest unavoidably demanded that others be out-witted and even trampled on. And it was said by a highly successful industrialist, also a devout Christian.

It was equally hotly denied. It was asserted, ingeniously and persuasively, that competitiveness was the mirror image of cooperation, and involved all the same moral virtues and vices. It was indignantly claimed that competition could be done without cheating and lying and breaking all the rules. But here was a startling thought that could not be banished, once admitted - that there are at least some industrialists or businessmen in our midst, hailed by society as successes, who live with a secret dread that that have sold their the churches have slipped once too own souls to gain the world (and not often already. Nevertheless a powerful for themselves, even, but for the company they work for.)

It was more quietly observed that

every industrial enterprise, competitive though it may have to be with its competitors, must also be a vast anthill of cooperative effort in its own affairs. To compete, it is first nec-

The morality of incentives, some-essary to cooperate. Probably the

essential to industrial success as the

skills of competition. And everyone

knows cooperation is an ex-officio Christian virtue, or something like it. Meanwhile, it was aptly pointed out, the very drug of competition had taken the world and his wife down to Cheltenham for the Gold Cup that same afternoon, to watch it at work on. the turf - were they all sinning? What was it in human nature which got such intense satisfaction from a contest, whether on horse back or between rival engineers? The possibility of absolution for this pleasure too seemed not far away, if that was what

was meant by several calls for further

theological study.

But many such topics were merely touched on, and some passed over altogether. The relationship between wealth and money was of the first kind, a seminar agenda in itself. And is there still a sin called usury? The relationship between wealth creation and human freedom - an even more burning question in Moscow than in London just now - was hardly mentioned. Many a budding en-trepreneur of the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe was looking to West-ern business and industry for models, it was said, yet fearful that in inviting back enterprise, they were inviting back injustice and conflict.

The suggestion for a Faith in THE City report was a deadly serious one. And the people gathered for the seminar were just the sort to make it happen. The seminar succeeded as no discussion of its kind has ever done before in identifying a long list of real questions, vital to real people, about the economy and social justice, about Christian faith and the Bible, about British culture and the permanent agenda of British politics, about all the "what are we here for?" questions of the 1990s.

It would have to be completely ecumenical, not least because Bishop Jukes and numerous of his coreligionists (one at least from Government circles) fully earned their share in the discourse. But it would have to be careful, for this is a stool off which contribution, profoundly theological (for a change), fully in touch with what business and industry are really like (for a change), and yet speaking with the lucia truth of the Gospel to the mind, and conscience of the truth of the truth of the conscience of the truth of the con mind and conscience of industry, would be an epoch-making event. On the evidence of the seminar, none would welcome it more than British industry itself. And as for Soviet and Eastern European industry, the eco-nomic tabula rasa of the century where everything is suddenly up for grabs, who knows what wealth-creating export potential such a project

Dinners

Midland and Oxford Circuit Bar Mess

Mr Justice Fennell was the guest the Midland and Oxford Circuit Bar Mess at the Inner Temple last night to mark his appointment to the High Court Bench. Mr Peter Weitzman, QC, Lead-er of the Circuit, presidet.

Among those present were:
Lady Fennell: the President of the
Family Division. Lord Justice Legist.
Mr. Justice Wood, Mr. Justice Draise.
Mr. Justice Prench, Mr. Justice Praise.
Mr. Justice Prench, Mr. Justice State
Mr. Justice President of Justice State
Mr. Justice Profer, Mr. Justice
Down, Mr. Justice Purfer, Mr. Justice
Jowitt, Mr. Justice Purfer, Mr. Justice
Scott Baker, Sir Rainh (closer Brown,
Sir. Trever Reven, Mr. Richard
Wakeriey, OC (deputy leader), Miss
Julia Macur (unior) and Mr. Richard
Wilson (assistant junior).

The Cambridge University
Distraction Society annual dinner was held at the Travellers'
Club last night. Mr Jonathan
Bailey, Gooville and Caius College, presided. The Rev David Johnson, Selwyn College, also spoke.

Moutgomeryshire Society
Professor Emrys Jones, Chairman of the Honourable Society
of Cymmrodorion, was the
principal guest at the annual
dinner of the Montgomeryshire
Society held last night at the.
Bonnington Hotel, London, Mr.
Edward C. Owen presided, Lond
Hooson, QC, Lady White and
Mr Alex Carlile, QC, MP, were
among the guests. among the guests.

Service dinners

The Queen's Regiment
Major-General M.F. Reynolds,
Colonel of The Queen's Regiment, presided at the annual dinner of the officers' club held last night at the Duke of York's

East Midlands Universities Air

Squadrom Air Chief Marshal Sir David Parry-Evans, Air Member for Personnel, was the guest of honour at the annual dinner of the East Midlands Universities Air Squadron, held last night at RAF Newton. Squadron Londor 826 Squadron Anniversary Commander Philip Shaw pre-sided over a dinner held last night at RNAS Culdrose to celebrate the 50th anniversary. of 826 Naval Air Squadron.

Weekend royal engagements

TODAY: The Princess Royal, Patron of the Scotlish Rugby Union, will attend the Scotland v England match at Murrayfield at 1.50.

Princess Margaret will attend a concert given by the pupils of the Haberdashers' Aske's Schools at Hatcham and Elstree at the Festival Hall at 2.50 at part of the tercentenary celebra-tions of the Robert Aske Foundation.

TOMORROW: The Prince Royal, as President of British Academy of Titlevision Arts, will attend twenty-first Academy. Further and Performance Academy Grosvenor House at 7.20.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY: 8 HC. 10 M. Responses (Ayleward), Sumsion Benedicte in 8 Flat, Turn thy face from my sins (Attwood), Rev Prof J Mahoney; 11,15 Abbey Euch, Darke in F, Casi me not sway (Wester), Canon F or Casi me not sway (Wester), Canon A Harvey; 8.46 Cypan recital, A Lumsden; 6.50 ES, Canon O Gray, College of the College of Casin College of the College of Casin Casin College of Casin Casin College of Casin Casin College of Casin Trengeric (Matcolm), Usa amor (Berkeley), Trengeric (Berkeley), Tr TRIU.
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(Rach), The Chaptain.
CHARLE, November 11 MP &
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Vivace (Vivaldi), The Chaptain.
LINCOLN'S INN CHAPEL: 1, 30 MP,
Teach me, O Lord (Attwood), Rev F
Boyse. OWER OF LONDON. ECS: 9.15 HC: 1 M. Salvalor Mundi (Tallia), Rev R mid.

SMPIE CHURCH. Fleet Street. EC4:

SO HC: 11.18 MP. Responses.

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reene). The Master.

CLEMENT OANES (RAF Church)

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ALL HALLOWS BY THE TOWER: 11 S Euch, Rev G de Miello. ALL SAINTS, Margarel Street, W1: 8. 5.15 LM: 11 HM. Missa Brevis Leighton), Tristis est anima mea Poullenc). Rev Canon P Penwarden: 5 £ 8. Fausbourdons (Wüars). When David heard (Weelkes), Rev P Whelan. Wirelan.
All SOULS Langham Place. WI: 11
Rev 1 Bendey: 6.30 Communion
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CHELSEA OLD CHURCH. Old
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SW7: 11 HC. Rev. J. Millar: 5.30 Guest
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HOLLY TRINITY. Prince Consort
Road, SW7: 8.30 HC: 11 Choral HC.
Rev. Dr. M. Israel. Dr M Israel. Y TRINITY, Sloane Street, SW1: 12,10 HC: 10.30 8 Euch, Rev K ates ALBAN'S, Brooke St. EC1: 9.30 11 HM. Missa Asterna Christi era (Palestrina), Rev M Johnson: SM: 11 HM. Missa Asierna Christi Munera Christi Munera Chalestriani. Rev M Johnson: 5-30 LM. ST. SARTHOLOMEW THE GREAT. Smithfield. ECI 9 HC: 11 M & HC. Benedicile (Shaw). O Lord in Tray wrath (Gibborst: 6-30 Choral E. Missa Isle Confessor: IPalesirina). Improperium (Lassus). The Rector. ST. BRIDES. Fred Street. ECA: 11 M & Luch. Doson in F. Miss Bei Amfirth offeness. Penetiller of Street. ECA: 11 M & Luch. Doson in F. Miss Bei Amfirth offeness. Penetiller Conson. Dates. Choral Republic Conson. J. Carlot. Rev. Choral in E. minor. Canon. J. Oales. ST. CLITHBERTS. Philipeach Cardens, SWS: 10 HC: 11 8 Euch. L'hora Passa (Visatana). God so loved the world Gialmerl. Rev. J. Vine; 6-30 Healing Service. J. Graspon. ST. CEORGE'S. Bloomsbury. WC: 10 Euch. Father M. Day: 8-30 EP. ST. CEORGE'S. Hanover Square. WI: 8-30 HC: 11 8 Euch. Missa Sancta Dominici (Bubbra). Miserere (Allegri). Rev. C. Welkins. SER Ciller. minici (Rubbra). Miserere (Allegri).

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aylor: 5.30 ED. Rev P Galloway.
JAMES'S. Muswell Hill, N10. 8.
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JAMES'S. Piccadilly. W1: 8.30
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JAMES'S. SUSHEX Gardens, W2: 8
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JOHN THE BAPTIST, Holland
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F.JOHN'S WOOD CHURCH, NW8:

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G. minor (Vaughan Williams),

mor et Tremor (Poulenc): 6.30 E. Vicar. LUKE'S. Chelsea. SW3: 8, 12.15 10.30 S Euch. Darke in E. Thou west. Lord (Purcell). Rev. M. thers: 6.30 E. Civitas Sancti Tui td). Rev. V. Stock. ST MICHARL'S, Cornhill, ECG: 11 M
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ST PAUL'S, Constow Schare, Sw7:
10.30 Guest Service, Rev N Lee.
ST PAUL'S, William Place, Sw1: 8, 9
HC: 11 S Euch, Missa Super Osculetur
me (Lessus), O God the proud are
risen against me (Tomkins). Cast me
not away from thy presence (Wesley),
Rev P Gallowsy.
ST PETER'S, Eaton Square, Sw1:
8.18 HC: 10 Family M: (1 SM, Missa
Brevis, (Valion), Fr D Tillyer.
ST SIMON ZELOTES, Milner Spret,
SW3: 8 HC: 11 Parish C, Mass in G
minor (Vargham, Williams), Hear my
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God (Purcell), Rev K Valies,
ST STEPHEN'S, Gloucester Road,
SW7: 8, 9 LM: 11 SM, Missa Super
mon coeur se recommande a vous
(Lassus), Ne reminiscaris Domine
(Philips), Viae Syon lugen (Philips),
Mother Lilian; 6 Stations of the Cross
& 8,
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SM. The Rector.
THE ANNUNCIATION, Bryanston
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ST COLLIMBA'S CHURCH OF SCOT-LAND. Port Street. SW1: 11 Rev W Cairns: 6.30 Rev 8 Dutlesty. CROWN COURT CHURCH CO. 11.15. Levy J Dovervell: 6.30 Rev K Hughes. THE ASSUMPTION. Warwick Street. W1: 8. 10. 12. 4. 6 LM: 11 SM. Missa Papae Marcetti Palestrina). Peniten-tial Psalm VII (Lessus). CHURCH OF OUR LADY. Lisson Grove, 91 John's Wood: 10.45 SM. Mass for 4 voices (Byrd), Hel milhi domine (Querrero). FARM STREET. W1: 7.30, 8.30, 10. 12.15, 4.15, 5.16 LM: 11 HM. Missa for four voices (Byrd). Dumine fac mecum (Lissus). Quando Corpus (Perpoleal). 12-30 4-30, Indiana Control of New Part of CITY TEMPLE. Holborn. ECI: 11.
6-30 Rev E Waugh.
CHELSEA METHOUST CHURCH.
Kino's Road. SWS: 11 Rev Dr G
Lovel; 6 Mr P Mansbridge.
HINGE STREET METHOUST
6-50 Rev P Hoar.
KENSINGTON TEMPLE. (Charismatc). Notling Hill Cate, W11: 9, 11
Colin Dyr. 2-30, Gareth Lewis: 6-30
Nathanael Evening. Chris Denne.
KENSINGTON INC. Alten Street.
WE: 11 Rev Dr R O Latham: 6-30 Mrs
J Lovelt. WB: 11 NOV LP R O LBURBIT: O-30 NOT J LOVELT RECEIVE SOUARE PRESSYTERIAN URC. Tavistock Place, WCI: 11 Rev DALY & CODER, SOUD Programs Praise. SO OFFICE OF THE SOURCE SOURCE SOURCE OF THE SOURCE SOURCE OF TANKE AND ST ACRES GUITHERANI. Cresham St. ECZ: 11 NC. Rev B T Englind: 7 Bech V. Canon C HIII. ST JOHN'S WOOD URC, NWB: 11 Rev A McLellan Rev A McLellan WESLEY'S CHAPEL City Road, EC2-9.45 HC; 11 Morning Service. Rev P

Huime. WESTMINSTER CENTRAL HALL IMethodisi), SW1: 11.6.30 Rev Dr R J

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The Christian tradition often speaks as if the road to hell is paved with gold, worn smooth by the trudge of camels condemned for failing to make it through the eye of a needle. Yet if all the rich are damned, and their dark satanic mills all closed as the temples of false gods, nothing but grinding poverty awaits the rest of us. There must be more to God and Mammon than meets the eye - more than a simple "cither/or." As a certain Vladimir Gurevich said

purpose of amendment.

by their bank balances.

began, with promises of a firm

There was a good Anglican reposte to Commissioners, it might also have

The seminar was not intended to be, and certainly did not become, an attempt to underwrite the theology of Thatcherism. It was pointed out that at least since the war, every Government of whatever persuasion had driven itself near to madness trying to make the British economy work and grow, to find the golden secret of the making of wealth not least in order to eradicate poverty. And part of the secret is that there have to be individual incentives; people are not driven hard enough to honest graft and creative industrial enterprise simply by the appeal of the common

Some businessmen live with the dread they have sold their souls

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PERSONAL

Are you immailure? Learn to be malure. Are you foolish?
Learn to have sense.
Proverbs 8 : 5

CARRISSTON - On March 14th, to Howard and Sandie, a departer, Christina Cloke, a steer for Jenaton. SELARFELT - On March 18th. to Time and Hark. a deepher, a sider for Alon. Tuest and Max.

coupil - On February 16th, to Judith code Venu) and Mark, a son, James Pietre Raphael,

a son, Janes Pietre Raphael,
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SHARING - On March 9th, to
Diane (nie Modfart) and
Netvyn, a. son. David, a
brother for Alexandra and
Richard.

SYMM-SHITH - On March
16th, to Jace (nie Dodd) and
Christopher, a daughter,
Adain Jane Belina, a sister
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LITTLEBUY - On March 12th.
at The Roole Matternity
Housinal. Cambridge. to
Leuket and Paragrine, a
daughter, Allen.

BUTTLEBUY - On February
22nd 1990; to June Inde
Statement and Roderick, a
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PURISETTI - On March 13th
1990, to Nicola Ratherine
(nds Burt) and Enrice, a son.
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Padded) and Michael, a
daughter, Elsener Marry,
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PRESIDENT - On March 7th, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Linde and Tony, a daugh-ter, Supplie Citrabuth, a solve-for Semantha and Jamin. ior Senseths and Jamele,

***BLAYIR* - On March 15th, ho
Lucy tode Foot) and Simon, a
despitor. Camilla Aime.

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despitor. Francesca Sophia,

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Santa (nie Rivovies) and James, a daughter, Grace imbelle Roselnot.

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MARRIAGES COARMPOYE, Y-The merriage took place on search 15th in Choice between Philip R.R. Cook and Mary R. D'Oyly.

RUBY ANNIVERSAIDES

MINISTONAPOPE - On March 15th 1960 at St James' Church, Hampton Hill, Hiddinsex, Jahn Burston to Jank Page, New at 1 March Cordens, Suphury-on-Cardens, Suni Theire, Middlessz.

MARCH 17

Apart from calling skilled men who

had left the shipbuilding industry years before the Second World War,

to return, Ernest Bevin had some

pointed things to any about factories, accustomed to employing men which

so far "had not adapted their methods or their facilities to meet the

MR BEVIN'S CALL

FOR LABOUR

Mr. Bruest Bevin, Minister of Labour and National Service, in a broadcast yestering, explained his new proposals to secure greater men and woman power for the mention of the power for the section of the s

for the netional war effort. He an-

noticed that there would be regular-

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in the course of his speech Mr. Bevin

Pitat we are reviewing the reserved

occupations, involving a good deal of de-reservation, so that the duty to serve

in the Porces and civil defence is spread

over the community fairly. There is a very urgent demand for the shipbuild-ing industry that must be met immediately. We must get back now to

the industry as many as possible of the skilled man who have left it during the

If you have bed experience in any of

the trades associated with shipbuilding

is not only your obligation but your houseshir duty to respond and regarder at your. The Department will then

place you where your services can best be used. There is also a special need in

The ment register charing the next three

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Then we have to get a very large sember of men who have not been in productive industry. We want to make who

then, sent elciled men, and some who do not need training but who could pick up the work very quickly in the factories. We sent as many so we can

MANY DOORDOOM

Pint 15 years.

needs of woman employees".

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES

ASMETTELLISDON -March 16th 1940, John and Helen. Congratutations, we all love you, from your children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. RWOODHARDERT - On Merch 16th 1940, Do frene, still at 16 North Parade, Southwold.

DEATHS

EARLOW - On March 15th
1990. peacefully at
Haltwhistle War Memorial
Hospital. Alan Farrington:
Artist, aped 91 years, Much
lowed, admired and respected
(after of Robert, Funeral
Service and cramation will
take place on Thursday
March 22nd at Carissic
Crematorium at 1.30 pm. No
flowers please. All conduiries
to Normans of Hallwhistle.

(0434) 320382.

SEALE - On March 14th, studenty but peacefully. Norman, durling husband of Elaine, devoted father of Nigel and Vancess and Burble to grandsons Alexander and Timothy, Funeral strictly private at his special request. Thanksgiving Service to be amounced taker. No flowers please, but donations if desired to King George's Fund for Satiors, c/o Mevus Funeral Directors, 3 Bournemouth Road. Partistone, Poole, Dornet BH14 OEF, lei: (0202) 741169.

CAMEGROM - On March 1-sm.
Professor Cordon Campbell
Cameron, Master of
Fitzwilliam College. Cambridge. Descript loved husband
of Brenda and Cather of Nigh
and Catherine. Pencefully.
aged 52 years. A Memorial
Service will be held.

Garvice will be held.

GARLETON - On March 7th, after a vallant struggle against Leukaenna, hitchael Dioby, aged 60. Family funeral laken place. A Memorial Service will be held at St Mary's Church. Paddington Green, on April 25th at 7 pm. No Bowers by request. Donations to The London Nospital, Leukaennia Fund. c/o 77 Haverstock Hill, London, NW3 45L.

CLAMEE - On March 13th, suddenly but peacefully, Pabry, mother of Louise and Cartstopher. Funeral Service on Tuesday March 20th at 10.30 am at St Paul's, Kings-inn, followed by cremation at 10.30 am at St Paul's, Ronga-ton, followed by cremption at Mortiales, 11.30 am. DRIMS - On March 14th, peacefully to hospital. Grace Elizabeth (Gray), belowed wife of William and mother of Robin. Sue and Melissa. Earnity funeral.

DUBLEY - On March 16th.
Ralph Erward Hughes.
Canon Emeritus of Salisbury
and sometime Vicar of
Edington and Coulston.
Requiem Mass at Edington
Priory Church at 3 pm on
March 23rd. Cremation
private, No flowers, but
donations if desired to
Edington Priory Church,
EDK - On March 16th 1990. at Edit - On March 15th 1990, at his home in Edinburgh, Jim Ede, Body bequested for medical research. Thanks-siving Service in Cambridge to be announced later.

to be announced later.

FREESTONE - On Tuesday
March 13th, at home,
suddenly but peacefully.
Dorothy (Dot) Firestone, of
Lower Gravel Road.
Bromley, Belowed wife of
Putto and devoted mother of
Sastia, Len and his wife
Janet, Much loved
grandprother of Samantha,
Josef and Joshua, Service
and interprent at St Luke's
Cerretery, Magnie Hall Lane,
Wednesday March 21st 2.46
pm, Family request no
flowers, dorations in iteu to
Cancer Research and Heart
Foundation.

gonesion - On March 10th, after a short filness, Grace, widow of George Common, buch hoved nonther of Betty, a belowed grandmother and great-grandmother. Graleful thanks to Ward 12 at Minon Keynes General Hospital for their wonderful care and attention.

GORENY - On March 14th
1990, pescriuly at home,
with his family, David, beloved hisband of Margaret,
father of Martin, Diana and
Helen, grandfather of Adam
and William and friend to
many at the John Lewis
partnership, Family funeral,
Memorial Service laice. No
flowers, donations if desired
to the imperial Cancer
Research Fund or Coxian. March 19th at 12.45 pm. Family flowers only, donations if destred for the R.N.L.I. c/o Will Case and Partners, 22 Churchfield Road, Sallsbury, Wits., SP2 7NH.

STARK - On March 16th 1990, peacefully at home at Newell Hail, aged 82. Manyaret, dearly loved Nan to the Fane family for nearly 30 years and friend to all at The Harrison Homes. Service to be arranged. For flowers and service arrangements please contact Lovegrove, 4 Town Square. Bracknell, (0344) 421949.

CRECORY - On March 16th in Australia, Evripy hatelit, widow of Capt. E.F. Gregory C.B.E., R.N., in her 105th year. Proud and devoted mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, very county loved by all her landly and many friends.

ON THIS DAY

HEAP - On March 13th 1990, pencefully in hospital. Elliott 1990, Ruth fone (Peggy), of Mortey, aged 88. A very special Yorkshire geniternar, much loved father of Michael and father-in-law of Mary-Anne, treasured grandfather of Glies, hmogen grandfather of Glies, hmogen pent-grandmother. No mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. No flowers, Donations to Saltsbury General Infirmary Scanner Appeal Service of Thankspiving at St. Andrew's Church, Melcom Bingham on Wednesd March 21st at 2.50 pm.

much loved father of Michael and Inther-in-law of MaryAnne, treasured grandfather of Gibes, knogen and Jusiel. He will be mady missed by his family and friends, especially Lizzie. Puneral Service at 61 John's Church, Havering-alle-Bower, on Wednasday March 21st at 10.45 am, followed by cremation. Family flowers only, donations if deared may be sent to St Francis Hospics. Havering-atte-Bower, Romford, Essex. Bingham. on Wednesday
March 21st at 2,50 pm.

TANCOCK - On Wednesday
March 14th 1990. Jean
Margarat, loving wife of the
late Bermard Tancock and
mother of Mark, peacefully
of home, Funeral at 3 pm on
Thursday March 22nd at 5t
Peter's Church, Frontield
Green, Donations to RN.I.1.

TIMEERGEN - On March 14th
1990, peacefully to Leicester
General Hospital, Lies, wife
of the late Niko. She
returned that her body be
given to medical research,
Donations to her memory
would be gratefully received
by 'Childinse'. c/o 85
Hawwitck March 25th
Hawwitck Road,
Bournemouth, Dorsel.

TREVARIUS - On March 14th
1990, after a short Illness, Sir
Kennedy Trevaskis
K.C.M.G., O.B.E., of The Old
Rectory, Rusper, West
Sussex, aged 75. Pumeral
Service for family and
friends at Rusper Church at
12 noon on Wednesday
March 21st, Details of a
London Memorial Service
will be smootmed later.

YAN LIMBURG STIRUM
COUNTESS - On March 14th
1990, peacefully at
Trelawney Narsing Home,
Newquay, Cornwall, Karota
Lydia, agod 85 years.
Funeral Service Penmount
Crematorism. Truro.
Cornwall, Monday March
19th at 220 pm. atte-Bower, Romford, Esset.

MEWITT - On March 14th.

suddenly to hospital, The
Reversand George William
Henty (Harry) Hewiti.

Beloved husband of Faith
and loved father of Monica
and Philippa, Service and
constitute at Hoty Trinsty
Church, Meanwood, Leeds,
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12 noon, followed by private
cremation. Family flowers

on Wednesday March 21st at 12 noon, followed by sirvate cremation. Family flowers only please, but if desired donations may be sent to U.S.P.C. c/o Rev. C.A. Conway, 15 Shire Oak Road, Headingley, Leeds, 1.56 2DE. MINER - On March 12th. Condon Arthur (Peter), Much loved husband of Joan and father of Wendy, Peter and Eitzbeth. father of Wendy. Peter and Ethrabeth.

Libbalaurist' - On March 15th 1990. Peter Michael. at home after a prave battle. Dearly loved husband of Barble. Enther of Michael. Diana. Patrich and Victoria. and grandfather of Thomas. William. Benjamin. Sebastien. Jemes and Caroline. Cremation private. Service of Thankogiving at St. Peter's. Loderworth. at 12 noon on Friday April 20th. No flowers, but donations may be made to the West Sussex Macmillan Service. King Edward VII Hospilas. Michaust.

Funeral Service Penmount Cressatorium, Truro. Cornwall, Monday March 19th at 2.20 pm.

MALTON - On March 14th 1990, peacefully after a short siness, Physiis Onie Thornton) of Airesford, formerly of Brandon. Widow of Col. W.L. Walton. 2nd Gurkha's. Service at Aldershot Cressatorium on Friday March 23rd at 2.30 pm. donations if desired to the R.N.I.L. c/o John Steel & Son. Chesil House, Winchester. SeCRUMS - See Nicholsop. MacRiss - See Nicholson.

1881.15 - On March 15th 1990.

Mator A.R. (retired) O.B.E.,
(Time). pencelully at his
home. Irwell Vale. Edenfield.
Bury, after a short lines.
Dearest husband of Barbara.
Worked to Berlin with
British Military Government
1945-1972 from 1960-1972
as inspector Cameral, Public
Safety Branch 1973 to date
as Admin. Secretary,
Manchester Law Society.
Cremation at Burnley
Cremation at Burnley
Crematorum on Wednesday
March 21st at 2 pm. All
engulvies to Booth and
Wolstenholms. (0706)
826661.

WATTS - On March 14th 1990, peacefully after a long times borne with courage and dignity, Grace Elizabeth Watts CHE, LLD, (Hon), For-Watts CHE, LLD, (Hon). For-mer Matron of The General Infirmary, Leeds and Chair-man of The General Nursing Council, A dear sister of Lorna. Funeral will be pri-vate, donations. If wished, to The Alzheimers Disease Soci-ety. Standield Chambers, Great George Struet. Leeds. LS1 3DW. A Memorial Service will be announced. WIGGBI - On March 15th, peacefully after a short illness. George much loved husband of Jenny and father

SENSON.

SELLARD - On March 9th,
peacefully to her sleep, after
years of deteriorating health
cheerfully and dogselly
horne, Rosemary, of
Stourpaine, Blandford,
Dorset, Lavender's sister. husband of Jenny and father and grandfather. Funeral private. Thanksgiving Service at St Paul's Chutch. Ashford Hill. at 11.30 am on Friday March. 23rd. Friday March 23rd.

YAFF - On March 12th 1990,

William Brunsdon Yapp

O.B.E., widower of Bridget
Joan (née Spedding). At his
request private burial in the
Lake Destrict has already
taken place. His life and
work will be remembered
during Evensong on Passion
Sunday April 1st at 6.30 pm
at St Mark's Church, Barton
Road, Cambridge, where all
his friends will be welcome.

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Storpame, Blancock.
Dorset, Lavender's sister.
BBCHOLSON - On March 14th.
Jane (nie McCrum), aged 29,
wile of Philip, c/o
Geneagies, Mgarr, Gozo and
Dittisham. Devon. Funeral at
12,30 on Monday March
19th in St George's Church.
Dittisham. No flowers please,
but donations to Institute of
Neurology, Queen's Square.
London WCIN 2BG, or the
N.S.P.G.C., would be very
much appreciated.
GEROI - On March 18th
1990, peacefully at his
London home, Santoch
Kumar, poed 57. Vice
President U.K. and Europe
Tay International Hotels.
Beloved husbend of Nimi,
father of Alok, Arjun and
Radnika. Fuseral Service at
Golders Green Crematorium
March 19th et 12,30 pm.
PATRIESON - On March 7th
1990, The Reverand William
Laurence. after 41 wars 28 his friends will be welcome Enquiries to Harry William & Sons, Cambridge 359480 Donations in memory i wished to Downing College. 1990, The Reverend William Laurence, Mier 41 years as

pentic and unswervings dedicated parish priest.

HCHANDSON - On March

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get to volunteer for work or training right away. Do not wait for registration.

WOMEN'S HELP NEEDED Having regard to the claims of the

defence services on man-power, we must call for a great response from women to run the industrial machine.

We have prepared a pamphlet (P.I.87/1941) on the proper methods to adopt in the factories for the handling

of this woman problem and are circulating it very soon. We have had an

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way, illustrator, London, 1846; Margaret Bondfield, first woman chairman of the Trades Union Congress (1923), first woman Cabinet min-ister 1929-31, Chard, Somerset, 1873; R.T. (Bobby) Jones, golfer, Atlanta, Georgia, 1902.

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Today is the Feat of Saint Patrick, "Apostle of the Irish". Tibetans rose against the occupying Chi-nese; the Dalai Lama escaped to India, 1959.

Tomorrow

BIRTHS: Grover Cleveland, 22nd BIRTHS: Grover Cleveland, 22nd president of the USA 1885-89 and 24th 1893-97, Caldwell, New Jersey, 1837: Stephen Mallarmé, poet, Paris, 1842; Nikolay Rimsky-Korsakov, composer, Tikhvin, Russia, 1844; Neville Chamberlain, prime minister 1937-40, Birmingham, 1869; Wilfred Owen, poet, Oswestry, Shropshire, 1893. DEATHS: Saint Edward the Martyr, king of England 975-78, murdered, Corfe Castle, Dorset, 978; Robert Walpole, 1st Earl of Ox-ford, the "first prime minister 1721-42, London, 1745; Laurence Sterne, writer, London, 1768; John Home Tooke, politician and philologist, London, 1812; George L king of Greece 1863-1913, assassinated. Salonika, 1913; Eleutherios Venizelos, prime min-ister of Greece 1910-15, 1917. 1924, 1928-30, Paris, 1936; Farouk I. king of Egypt 1936-52, Rome,

Six agricultural labourers of Tolpuddle, Dorset were sentenced to transportation for forming a trade union, 1834. The Commune rising began in Paris, 1871.

Latest wills

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Reception

Mr Malcolm Rifkind, QC, Secretary of State for Scotland, was host last eight at a dinner given by Her Majesty's Government in Edioburgh Castle for Scottish television and radio executives.

Luncheon

Lord Bottomley, Mr Gordon Oakes, MP, and Mr Colm Shepberd, MP, were hosts yesterday at a luncheoo given by the Executive Committee of the UK branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association at the House of Lords to bid farewell to the Speakers, Deputy Speakers and members of Commonwealth Parliaments attending the 1990 Parliameotary Seminar at Westminster.

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SATURDAY'S TELEVISION AND RADIO

BBC 2

2.45 Network East, Dancer and choreographer Shobana Jeyasingh performs a programme combining modern rhythms with classical dance (r)
3.20 Film: The Men (1950, b/w) starring Markon Brando and Teresa Wright.

the waist down and finds he is unable to come to terms with how he will have to spend the rest of his

4.45 The Sky at Night (r)
5.05 Badminton: The All England Championships. Ralph Dellor introduces the climax of the

Arena 6.05 Rhythras of the World. The first of

American synthesizer and computer pop sounds
7.00 NewsView with Moira Stuart and Lynette Lithgow. Weather
7.45 St Patrick's Day Gala. To celebrate St Patrick's Day, Yan Pascal Torteller conducts the

Ulster Orchestra in this live gala

Ulster Orchestra in this five gala concert from the Ulster Hall, Beifast, which includes soprano Heather Harper making her tarewell appearance with Richard Strauss's Four Last Songs. Introduced by Michael Berkeley.

8.30 Missionaries: Taking Sides (see

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9.20 Seturday Night Clive. In the last in the present series, Clive James is joined by Jay Leno, comedian and host of America's Tanight show.

10.05 Sharpeville (see Choice)
10.55 Film: Black Narcissus (1947)

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starring Deborah Kerr, Sabu and
David Farrar. An adaptation of
Rumer Godden's novel about a group
of Anglo-Catholic rums living in an
isolated Himalayan convent, who find
their peaceful avisitance is
disturbed by the arrival of the local
English agent. Directed by
Michael Powell and Emeric
Pressburger (see Choice)

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Pressburger (see Choke)

12.30am Film: A Canterbury Tate
(1944, b/w) starring Eric Portman,
John Sweet and Sheila Sim.
When three war-time pilgrims on their
way to Canterbury cross paths in
a peaceful Kent village, they learn
that the women are afraid to go
out at night for fear of a mysterious
"glue man", and decide to
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ife. Directed by Fred Zinnemann

Yonex All England Open Badminton Championships from Wembley

whose success is partly attributed to its mixture of traditional Cuban dance music and the up-to-date

Wounded in battle, a young soldier returns home paralyzed from

6.50 Open University 2.45 Network East. Dancer and

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6.00 Durrell in Russia (r) 6.30 Just for Fun 7.00 Once Upon a Time. Life 7.30 International Times — World News 8.00 Transworld Sport Morning Line 9.25 Sing And Swing with the stars of the 1930s and

CHANNEL 4

1940s
9.30 Same Difference examines media stereotyping of the disabled (r) 10.00 Travelog (r)
10.30 Fint: The Magic Bow (1946, b/w) starring Stewart Granger and Phytis Calvert. Romanticized biopic about Microlo Pagagini, the

caver. Homenozee but he about Niccolo Paganini, the celebrated Italian violinist. Directed by Bernard Knowles

12.30 Petra, A Kingdom in the Desert. In 400 BC Petra was sculpted from desert rock and lay undiscovered until 1812. Martin Jarvis looks at this martinious eth (4).

mysterious site (r)
2.00 Samba To Slow Foxtrot.

Documentary on competitive ballroom dencing (r)

2.55 You Can't Take it with You. The
1984 Broadway production of the
award-winning comedy cantring
on the life of a carefree New York
family, Starring Jason Robards,
Elizabeth Wilson and George Rose
5.05 Broakside Omnibus (r). (Oracle)

6.30 Right To Reply
6.30 Scottish Eye investigates the
British National Party's activities in

7.00 The World This Week includes a preview of Sunday's elections in East Germany; reports on El Salvador's death squads, Israel and Iraq Followed by Weather

2.00 Adventures: A Different Frontier.
Abselling, shooting rapids and trakking across lestand's glaciers were some of the activities included in an expedition led by Mick Coyne comprising of a group of 18 disabled and able-bodied people (r). (Oracle)

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9.00 thirtysomething. American
comedy drama series. (Oracle)

10.00 4 Play International: Talkback
(see Choice)

10.35 On the Other Hand. A new chat
show series presented by Bombay
film star Shekhar Kapur

11.35 The Whole World in His Hands.
Archive film and personal
recollections of Pope John Paul
II's visit to Iraland 10 years ago

12.55am A Leipzig Chorale. The
Leipzig Radio Orchestre, conducted
by Horst Neumann, perform a
piece by composer Günter Neubert

1.05 The Mysteries of Edgar Wellscer

1.95 The Mysteries of Edgar Wallacs: On the Run (1962, b/w). Mild mannered Frank Stewart escapes from prison, despite having only a month of his sentence left. Directed by Robert Tronson. Ends at

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SKY MOVIES

From 8.00mm The Shopping Channel
2.00pm Escape to Victory (1981): A
group of POWs form a football team, both as
a means to escape and to humiliste the
German national team
4.00 Yogi Bear and the Magic Flight of
the Spruce Goose: Animated adventure
5.00 The Wizzard of Speed and Time
(1988): Director Mike Jintov, as himself, who
touts his skills as a special-effects artist
7.40 Entertainment Tonight
8.00 Promised Land (1987): Kiefer
Sutherland as a misfit who marries on a
whim and heads home to rejoin his
friends and family. With Meg Ryan
9.40 UK Top 10: The country's most
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10.00 Deadly Intentions — Part Two (1985): Concluding the story about a psychotic doctor (Michael Biehn)

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6.00am Barrier Reef 6.30 The Flying
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Indoor Football 12.00 Athletics 1.00pm
Skiing 2.30 Rugby Union 4.00 Surfer
Magazina 4.30 Trax 5.00 Wheels 6.00
World Cup Cycling 7.00 Boxing:
Saturday Night Fights 8.30 Nordic Skiing
9.30 World Cup Alpine: Men's Downhill
10.30 Rugby Union — Five Nations
Championship: England v Scotland
12.00 WWF Prime Time Wrestling

6.30am Non-Stop Pure Pop 9.30 US Top 20 Countdown 11.00 Yol 11.30 Week in Rock 12.00 Ray Cokes 12.30pm Club MTV 1.00 Ray Cokes 4.30 XPO 8.00 The Big Ficture 5.30 Party Zone 7.30 Kristiane Backer 10.30 Club MTV 11.00 Frotika 11.30 Marken Wexo 2.00em Night Videos

SCREENSPORT

12.30am Ice Speedway 1.30 US PGA
Golf 3.30 American Basketball 5.00
Spanish Football 7.00 Ice Speedway
8.00 US Pro Ski Tour 8.30 Spain Spain
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12.00 Jason of Star Command 12.30pm The Secrets of Isis 1.00 Smothers Brothers 1.30 McKeever & The Colonel 2.00 Championship Roded 3.00 Wrestling 4.00 The Edge of Night,

● Full information on satellite TV programmes is available in the weekly magazine, TV Guide.

4.00 Age to Age: Barry Cunliffs is joined by industrial archeologist Mike Stone on a journey into some of the historical secrets of

5.00 Turbulent Priests (new series): The Rev Dr Edward: Norman talks to four controversial clerics about

system
4.30 Science Now with Peter

London's underground ...

Making waves on the radio

GELEVISION CHOICE

Peter Waymark

 The first rule for a radio phone in host is not to get emotionally involved with your customers. It is a rule broken by Jonah (female, by the way) in Talkback (Channel 4, 10.00pm), a New Zealand contribution to the 4-Play International season of single dramas. But since she has been pitched into a job at a second's notice when regular host Roger mysteriously walks out, there is every excuse. It is a big jump from operating the controls in the background to being pushed into the frontline of bores, cranks and emotional misfits who seem to make up the majority of callers. As it happens, Jonah is a tough cookie, well able to take care of herself and to answer abuse in kind. But when ex-convict Jim comes oo the line, he is more difficult to dismiss.



Jonah (Lucy Sheehan) gets emotionally involved on the phone (Ch4, 10.00pm) Meanwhile, we learn more about the disappearing Roger. It is a slight piece, effective within its modest limits, but inviting unfavourable comparison with the slicker Midnight Caller on BBC1. There can be few better cinema double bills than Black Narcissus and A Canterbury Tale which continue the BBC2 tribute to Michael Powell (10.55pm). They reveal the director at his most daring and idiosyncratic, creating a Himalayan coovent on the Pinewood backlot for Black Narcissus, and having the girls of a Kent village threatened by a gine thrower in A Canterbury Tale. Both films, in their different ways, are visually ravishing: Black Narcissus with its rich Technicolor (which won an Oscar for the cameraman Jack Cardiff) and A Conterbury Tale romantically capturing in black and white the glory of English landscape.

Sharpeville (BBC2, 10.05pm) is a thirtieth anniversary reminder of an event that did as much as any to raise

the African National Congress. • Continuing his strong series on Missionaries (BBC2, 8.30pm), Julian Pettifer reaches Latin America. It is oot exactly the ideal mission field. Treading the minefield of political warfare, racial hatred, greed and corruption, these messengers of Jesus are forced into taking sides and end up in some pretty unlikely ideological corners.

black consciousness in South Africa. The

69 deaths that followed a peaceful demonstration against the Pass Laws

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tance into an armed struggle and led to

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come to the rescue of Molie Suggen 8.35 Thundercats. Animated science fiction

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9.00 Going Livet Sarah Greene and Phillip Schofield are joined by this week a Press Conference guest, the Controller of BBC1 Jonathan Powell, Television vet Nigel Taylor has some pot belied pigs and Bergerac's Jersey detective, Bergerac's Jersey detective, John Nettles, joins in the fun. Plus the usual line-up of cartoons, videos and competitions

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12.12 Weather

12.15 Grandstand introduced by Desmond Lynam. The line-up is (subject to alteration): 12.29 Rugby Union: preview of this afternoon's Calcutta Cup; 12.35 Skiing: the men's downhill from Aars, Sweden; 12.50 Football: World Cup latest and the goals from the FA Cup sixth round; 1.00 News; 1.05 and 4.00 Bedminton: the Yonex All England Open championships from Wembley; 1.45 Ice Hockey: Cardiff Devils v Murrayfield Racers in Cardiff; 2.25 Rugby Union: live coverage of the game at Murrayfield between Scotland and England, the climax of the five nations championship; 3.55 Football half-times; 4.40 Final Score

5.05 News with Moira Stuart. Weather 5.15 Regional News and sport 5.20 Stay Tooned. Tony Robinson presents the first in a new series of presents the first in a new series of cartoon fun. Among the characters featured are Bugs Bunny, Tom and Jerry and Daffy Duck

5.43 The Flying Doctors: Cries from the Heart. Hawaiian festivities at Coopers Crossing are interrupted. when there is news of a car accident and a seriously injured driver, but a young girl who, it is claimed, was travefling with him is nowhere to be seen. Starring Liz Burch, Lenoce Smith and Robert Grubb. (Ceefax)

6.30 Jim'll Fix It. Among those for whom Jimmy Savile fixes it are a wheelchair-bound blind woman of 65 to sing with the Cliff Adams

wheelchair-bound blind woman of 65 to sing with the Cliff Adams
Singers; an eight-year-old to drive a JCB; two young girls to swirn against Adrian Moorehouse; and a 10-year-old to commentate on a motor race. (Ceefax)

7.05 Film: Flash Gordon (1980) starring Sam Jones, Melody Anderson, Max Von Sydow and Timothy Dalton.
Cosmic comic adventure brought to life in which Flash Gordon, his griffiend Dale Arden and the brillant scientist Dr Hans Zarkov set off in a rocket to the planet Mongo.

a rocket to the planet Mongo, determined to bring the evil ampire ruled by the mercless
Emperor Ming to an end. With
Brian Blessed, Omella Muti, Peter
Wyngarde and Topol, Directed by Michael Hodges. (Ceefax)

News and Sport. With Michael

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8.35 News and Sport. With Michael
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9.15 Midnight Caller, Late-night radio
DJ Jack Killian takes an abendoned
14-year-old living on the streets
into his home, but finds that the boy's
acquaintance with the ring-leader
of a gang of runaway teenagers
leads to trouble. Starting Gary
Cods Weather Killoume and Jacob

Cole, Wendy Kilbourne and Jared Rushton. (Ceefax)

10.05 Championship Boxing, IBF World flyweight champion, Belfast's Dave McAuley, defends the title he won last year from Duke McKenzie, against Louis Curtis of the United States at the King's Hall, Belfast mimicry with Rory Bremner, John Bird, Elizabeth McKechnie and

Steve Nation (r) 11.35 Film: Rider on the Rain (1969) starring Charles Bronson, Marlene Jobert and Annie Cordy. Mystery thriller, set in the South of France, about a young woman who thinks her nightmare has ended when she kills her rapist, but then finds an investigator on her doorstap asking her about a missing 60,000 dollars from US Army funds. Directed by Bank Clament by René Clement

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6.00 TV-am begins with News read by Susie Grant followed by Dappledown Farm presented by Brian Cent (r) 7.00 WAC 90 Introduced by Michaela Strachan 9.25 Motormouth 2 includes a visit to

Pinewood Studios and the result of the New Kids on the Block competition. Music comes from Kakko – the young Japanese singer who's recently signed a recording contract with Stock, Aitken and Waterman - and Halo James, who are launching their new video, Baby
11.30 The ITV Chart Show. The Vintage

Video slot features Transvision Vamp 12.30 The Munsters Today. The Munsters decide to turn their spocky home into bed and breakfast accommodation

1.00 News with Sue Carpenter.

Weather 1.05 LWT News and

weather

1.10 Find a Family. Nerys Hughes
introduces seven-year-old Andrew,
who is currently in care and
hopes to find a family to adopt him

1.15 Saint and Greaveie. Ian St John
and Jimmy Greaves discuss the

and Jimmy Greaves discuss the weekend's top football matches

1.45 Sportsmasters. Sporting knowledge competition

2.15 Coronation Street (r)

3.10 Matlock: The Annihilator. Matlock heads an investigation to defend a wrestier accused of killing his opponent in the ring

4.05 Katts and Dog: Striptease Bank Robber. Hank and Rimy are faced with the task of solving a series of bizame bank robberies in which the rother appears to strip completely and then disappears into thin air 4.35 Cartoon Time (r)

4.45 Results Service with Elton Welsby 5.00 News and weather 5.05 LWT News and weather 5.05 LWT News and weather 5.15 Steal Mark Welker introduces another edition of the computerized game show

game show 5.45 Baywatch: Shelter Me. When Malibu Beach is threatened by a violent storm, emergency accommodation is arranged for residents whose homes are in danger. Meanwhile, a pair of escaped convicts take shelter in the

convicts take shelter in the
Baywatch headquarters, holding the
crew hostage. (Oracle)
6.40 Davra. Bobby Davro is back with a
new series featuring comic
impressions, music and
television's newest soap opera,
Flushing Meadows. Joining
Bobby tonight are Caroline Dennis,
Ainsley Harriott, Phil Nice and
Adam Wide
7.10 You Bett Bruce Forsyth asks Bill
Tidy, Floelis Benjamin and Graeme
Garden to place their bets on a
variety of unusual challenges,
performing forfeits if they lose
8.10 Murder, She Wrote: Trevor
Hudson's Legacy. Jessica is in

Hudson's Legacy. Jessica is in Montana for the publication of

Trevor Hudson's posthumous novel when the book's editor, Bab Jarrett, claims that he is the book's author, only to be found dead author, only to be found dead shortly afterwards

9.10 Yellowthread Street: Chinese Boxes. The officers from Yellowthread Street attempt to put a stop to the highly-profitable counterfaiting rackets operating in Hong Kong, but come up against considerable opposition. (Oracle)

10.10 News with Sue Carperter.

Weather 10.25 LWT Weather

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10.35 Aspel and Company. Michael
Aspel's quests tonight are David
Suchet, Angela Lansbury and
Julia Walters. Followed by Find a
Family Update

11.20 Tour of Duty: Pushin' Too Hard.
Tonight, Bravo company is sent out
on a mission to capture an enemy
prisoner. Their efforts are put into
jeopardy and their lives in danger
by the over-zealous reporter who
comes with them

12.20 Film: The Aliens Are Coming

(1980) starting Tom Mason and Melinda Fee. Highly-intelligent beings from a dying planet attempt to prepare the way for the colonization of Earth by taking over the bodies of eminent people. Directed by Harvey Hart. Followed by

News headlines
2.05 American College Football.
Auburn versus Georgia.
4.00 The Hit Man and Her. Music, fashion and competitions from the country a clubs.
5.00 ITN Morning News with Arne
Lauchars. Ends at 6.00

Top Ten
HTV WEST As Lendon except: 12.30pm-1.60
1.10-4.45 First Zorro the Gay Bade 8.10-5.10
Aurder, She Wrote: Murder to A Jazz Best 11.30 Crime
Story 12.20em Throb 12.45 Three's Company 1.15
Fars: Little Drummer Girl 3.35-5.00 Indy Cart Racing.
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Picks Number 2.064.48 First
Beyond This Piscs 5.46 Katts and Dog 8.15-6.40
Campbells 8.10-8.10 Murder, She Wrote: Last Flight of

9.50 Josquin Achucarro: The

Excerpts from a concert, performed at the Aston Hall, Lancaster, in which the band played compositions by several of their former musical directors, as well as Duke Etington and Jeroma Karn. Introduced by John Surran. RADIO 4

LW (s) Stereo on FM 5.53.mm Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing; Weather 6.10 The Farming Week: Vet John Watton take about stopping the loss of the rare pig breeds; and the economics of the organic food shop 6.50 Prayer for the Day with James Whitbourn 6.56 Weather 7.00 Today, with Peter Hobday and Chris Lowe, incl 7.00, 7.30, 6.00, 8.30 News 7.55, 8.55 Weather 9.05 Sport on 4 with Cliff Morgan 9.30 Breakaway: Holiday and LW (s) Stereo on FM

9.05 Sport on 4 with Cliff Morgan
9.30 Breakaway: Holiday and
travel news with Bernard
Falk and Nigel Coombs
10.00 News; Loose Ends: Ned
Sherrin, with live studio
guests, and contributions
from Richard Jobeon, Arthur
Smith and Emra Freud (s)
11.00 News; The Week in
Westminster with Peter
Jenkins of The Independent
11.20 Europhile: Weekly magazine

11.30 Europhile: Weekly magazine reflecting political lifa in Europe. This week, a discussion on the democratic elections in East Germany; and journalist Janos Bethlen on what it

Janos Bethlen on what it means to be Hungarian 12.00 Money Box with Louise Botting and Vincent Duggleby 12.25pm Just A Minute! (new series): The non-stop talking quiz chaired by Nicholas Parsons. With Clement Freud, Peter Jones, Peter Merton and Derek Nimmo (s) 12.55 Weather

1.00 N 1.10 News 1.10 Any Questions? Jonathan Jany Questions? Jonathan Dimbleby in Bromley, Kent, with penelists Sebastian Coe, athlete and prospective Conservative MP; Journalist Ann Lesile; Andrew Puddephat, general secretary of Liberty; and Joan Lestor MP. Opposition sookeswomen for children

sookeswoman for children 2.00 News; Any Answers? 01-580 4411. Jonathan Dimbleby takes listeners' calls on issues raised in Any

2.30 Caving in: Play by Ayshe Raif. With Diane Bull as Maggie, a worrien who leads a double life visiting her husband in prison and keeping her lover a secret. However, above all else, she is desperate for a baby Norman talks to four controversial clerics about the principles and beliefs which motivate them. Part 1: Archoishop Desmond Tutu of Cape Town (r)

5.25 Week Ending: Satirical review of the week's news. With Bill Wallis, David, Tate, Sally Grace and Royce Mills (r) 5.50-5.55 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather Forecast 5.55 Weather 6.00 News; Sports Found-Up 6.25 Citizens omnibus edition (s) 7.10 Stop The Week (s) 7.15 Saturday-Night Theatre: O'Rourke's First Case, by Vincent Machemey, When John O'Rourke's First Case, by Vincent Machemey, When John O'Rourke is made redundant at 40, he applies to the Enterprise Allowance Board in Liverpool for a grant to set up in business as a private detective, A world of drug dealing and shoot-outs quickly follows. With James Ellis and Maureen O'Brien (s)

9.15 Music in Mind: Brian Kay with a selection of melodies (s)

9.50 Tan To Tan led by Canon

9.50 Ten To Ten led by Cenon Colin Semper (s) 9.59 Weather 10.15 Open Mind: Hugo Young challenges three experts to discuss a topic with open

10.45 Telling Lies: The third of four programmes about deceit and the detection of

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11.00 Richard Baker Compares
Notes with Arthur Searle, this Curator of Music
Manuscripts at the British
Librery (s) (r)
11.30 Saturday-Night Fry:
Comedy with Stephen Fry,
Hugh Laurie, Jim Broadbert
and Emma Thompson (s) (r)
12.00 News, incl 12.30 Weather
12.33 Shipping Forecast
FM as LW except:
1.55-2.00pm Programme News
4.30-6.00 Options: 4.30 The
Science of Sound (new series) (see
Choice) 5.00 Using Your
Wordpower 5.30 Deutsch
Express!

FREQUENCIES: Radio 1: 1053ki+z/285m;1089ki+z/275m;FM-97.6-98.8. (London area FM-104.8.) Radio 2: 693ki+z/433m;509ki+z/390m;FM-98-90.2. Radio 3: 1215ki+z/247m; FM-90-92.4. Radio 4: 198ki+z/1515m;FM-92.4-94.6. LBC: 1152ki+z/261m; FM 97.3. Capital: 1548ki+z/154m; FM-95.8. Greater London Radio: 1458ki+z/206m; FM 94.9; World Sandos: MN-24044-1/453m

The matter of the heart

(RADIO CHOICE)

Peter Davalle

• The nation will be holding its breath just before seven o'clock tonight. Will Edward Heath, who has oot ducked any of her other questions in Myself When Young (Radio 2, 6.30pm), disclose to Claire Rayner the name of the girl he fell in love with when pierced by Cupid's arrow for the first time? My lips are sealed, but on the face of it, naming names seems such a short step away from the revelation that, as a lad, Heath sat in the box at the Opéra Comique io Paris and found his attention being constantly distracted by the lady in the box beneath whose dress kept slipping down ev- St George's Day address ery time she leaned forward. about Britain's political role She was, he recalls tonight, an on the world stage. off-stage rival to the Carmen • Ear drums and talking on stage. This particular boy- drums. Both are grist to Toyah hood memory contains no Willcox's mill in The Science hint of the the political Heath of Sound, starting a six week who was waiting in the wings. run in Options (Radio 4, FM, For that, you must wait for the 4.30pm), and graphically illusconversation to get around to trating how far radio receptioo Heath's early heroes, and the has travelled since the far-off story of how he donned his days of Master Edward Heath radio headphooes in 1933 and and his headphones.



Childhood memories: Edward Heath as a boy (R2, 6.30pm)

listened, like one transfixed, to Winstoo Churchill giving a

and pitch 2% feet.

WORD-WATCHING above the normal, i.e. the interval of a twelfth. Length

Answers from page 16 ACCINGE (b) To gird up one's loins, as ey do in the Bible, to roll up one's skeeves, as we should be more likely to say savan be note then in say its say, beace to apply one-self to anything, from the Latin accingers to gird, reflexively to undertake: "Aeschylus never accinged himself to write tragedies noless be were first unless be were first madefied with wine."

ERUCIFORM (b) Resembling a caterpillar, from the Latin eruca a caterpillar: "Eruciform they rise./As bright aurelias in the summer's shine." FISSELIG (a) Flustered to the point of (a) Plastered to the point of incompetence, from the Ger-man word, fitselig, rhymes with "thistle fish", in Eng-lish fittery, in Yiddish farhlonged: "Mother Kreutzer was so fitselig that she dropped the tray." NASARD (c) An organ mutation-stop, an open, metal stop, it sounds an octave and a fifth

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW News on the half-hour from 5.30am until 12.30pm, then at 2.00, 3.30, 5.30, 7.30 and 9.30pm 5.00am Gary King 7.00 The Bruno and Liz Breakfast Show Bruno and Liz Breakfast Show 10.00 Dave Lee Travis 1.00pm Adrian Juste 2.00 The Classic Albums: Crosby, Stills and Nash 3.00 The Saturday Sequence 7.00 Soul Train 9.30 in Concert Tanita Tikaram, recorded at the National Club, Kilburn, London; and The Black

Sorrows, recorded at London's Mean Fiddler 10.30 The Mary Whitehouse Experience 11.00-2.00am The Saturday Rock Show

WORLD SERVICE



Tanita Tikaram: recorded at the National Clob, Kilburn, London, one of the acts in tonight's In Concert (R1, 9.30pm)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo
4.00am Dava Bussey 6.00
Graham Kright 6.05 David Jecobs
0.00 Sounds of the Shdes
10.00 Anne Robinson 12.00
Gerald Harper 1.30pen-6.00
Sport on 2 (MW only) 1.30 Pull The
Other Onel 2.00 Robin Ray on
Record 3.00 Kate Boyle 5.00
Buddy Greco in Concert 6.00
Cherma 2 6.30 Myself When
Young: Edward Heath, MP (see
Choice) 7.00 The ABC Cuiz 7.30
St Patrick's Night Special 9.30
String Sound 19.05-11.00 Big
Fight Special (MW only) 10.05
Martin Keiner 12.05 am Night Owls
1.00 Nightride 3.00-4.00 Å
Little Night Music

5.00cm German Features 5.35 News in 4.09 News about British 4.15 BBC Engish German; Headlines in Engish and French 4.30 Nechrichan 4.40 German Features 5.50 Francial News 5.55 Weather and Travel News 6.00 News 2.55 Weather and Travel News 6.00 News 2.55 Weather and S.01 Sportsworld 5.30 Londras Soir 4.15 A.500 News 2.50 News



RADIO 3

5.55am News and Weather 7.00 Morning Concert:
C.P.E. Bach (Symphony No 2 in E flat, Wq 183: ECO under Raymond Leppard); Albinoni (Concerto in D, Op 9 No 2: I Musicl); Gluck (Divinités du Styx "Alceste": ECO under Raymond Leouard)

7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (cont):
Brahms (Academic Festi
Overture: RPO under Thomas Beacham); Besthoven (Romance in G. Op 40: LPO under Daniel

CBSO under Frémaux)
8.30 News
8.35 Tohaikovsky and Prokofiev:
8BC Welsh SO under
Tadaald Otalca performs
Tottaikovsky (Seresnade for
strings, Op 48); Prokofiev
(Plano Concerto No 4 in B
flat. Op 53]
9.40 Saturday Review with
Richard Osborne. Record
Review: This week's
orgonamme is devoted

1.00pm News 1.05 Words: Part 2: Scripture. Theologian Don Cupit,
Deart of Emmanuel Coflege,
Cambridge, with reflections
on language
1.10 Early Music Network: The

Gabriel Consort and Players under Paul Payers uncer Paul
McCreesh perform works
which explore the musical
life of Rome under the
Barberini Pope Urban VIII,
culminating in a
performance of Carissimi's

Barenboim); Bizet (Roma: CBSO under Frémaux)

Review: This week's programme is devoted entirely to new releases. Piano music by Liszt and Chopin is reviewed by David Farning; Haydn's opera L'Intedelta delusa is reviewed by Nicholas Kenyon; and Stephen Johnson on new discs of 20th-century British music. 10.50 Record Release: Chopin (Barcarolle, Op 60: Mikhail Pletnev, piano); Liszt (Piano Concerto No 2 in A: Budapest Festival Orchestra under Pischer); Robert Saxton (Chamber Symphony, The Circles of Light London Simfonietta under Oliver Krussen); Eiszabeth Maconchy (Quartet No 3: Hanson Stefan Orchester). (Quartet No 3: Hanson String Quartet): Rubbra (Four Medieval Latin Lyrics, Op 32: City of London Sintonia under Schönzeler)
12.12pm The Record

Producers: Part 1 - Peter Wadland of Decca's "L'Oiseau-lyre" label 12.44
Hayon (Symphony No 21:
Academy of Ancient Music tander Hogwood)

oratorio, Jephte

2.30 From the Proms 1989: Scandinavian Season. Sothenburg Symphony Orchestra under Neeme Järvi, with Roland Pomtinen, plano, performs Sibalius (Lemminkäinen and the Maidens of the Island; The Swan of Tungela waters of the Island; the Swan of Tuonela ."Lemminkäinen Legends, Op 22"); Grieg (Plano Concerto in A minor); Alkidens (Swanbors M. S.

Op 22"); Grieg (Plano Concerto In A minor); Nielsen (Symphony No 5), incl 3.30 Interval Reading 4.20 Début: Fiona Cross, clarinet, Kathryn Lenehan, piano, perform Arthur Benjamin (Le Tombeau de Rsver); Schumann (Fantasiestücke, Op 73); Françaix (Tama con variazioni) 5.00 Jazz Record Requests with Peter Clayton 5.45 Critics Forum: Anthony Thwalte, in the chair, Sheridan Moriey, Marina Warner and John Wilders discuss Nina Bawden's Circles of Decair on BBC2; Edward Zwick's film Glory; Whisper of the Muse: The World of Julia Margaret Cameron st the Colnaghi Gallery, London; Terry Fanlation's Raint Denay at

Gallery, London; Teny
Eagleton's Saint Oscar at
the Hampstead Theatre,
London; and Great Plains by London; and Great Plains by lan Frazier

8.35 Paul Crossley: The plantst performs Berg (Sonata, Op 1): Tippett (Sonata No 4) (r)

7.30 RLPO 150th Anniversery; Live from the Philharmonic Hall, Liverpool, The RLPO under Libor Pessle; Liverpool Philharmonic Choir under lan Tracsy perform Elgar (Fantare and National Anthem); Dvořák (Ta Deum) 7.35 Anthony Burton examines the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Society on its 150th antiversary 8.15

anniversary 8-15
Beethoven (Symphony No 9
"Choral")

9-35 On the Bone: Edna O'Brien reads her first published

9.50 Joaquin Achticanto: The pianist performs Bach, arr Busoni (Toccata, Adagio and Fugue in C); Brahms (Tiree Intermezzi, Op 117); Chopin (Sonata in B minor, Op 58) (f)
11.60 Danish Radio Big Band: Scandinavian Season.

Summan 12.00 News 12.05am Close

A walk on the wild side

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Access to the second

Peter Waymark

o In The Lorelei (BBC2, 10.10pm). Amanda Redman plays an attractive but unattached school teacher who goes off alone on a walking holiday in Wales and soon wishes she hadn't. The caterpillar on her camera lens, the creepy crawlies in the bath and the frosty reception at the local pub are only the prelude to a frightening encounter at the Lorelei guest house. The mystery thickens with the arrival of a new teacher (Michael Maloney) at her school. Nick Dunning's first script for television cleverly sustains the interest on the thriller level while using a school production of The Insect Play for symbolic reinforcement of an (BBC1, 10.10pm) has an interview with Nelson Mandels... The Land of the Eagle (BBC2, 7.15pm) reaches the explorations of Lewis and Clark... and Airline (BBC2, 8.35pm) covers a hectic day in the life of British Airways.



Second thoughts: Amanda Redman's backpacking teacher (BBC2, 10.10pm)

RADIO CHOICE

Peter Davalle

• The Story of Denny James (Radio 3, 5.40pm) takes us unfamiliarly over familiar ground. I believe I know what Christian Stentoft, the Danish director, is getting at, but I wouldn't stake big money on it because this is yet another variation on the theme of illusion becoming reality and, like those Russian dolls inside each other, we never know for sure what we are supposed to make of them. The basic situation, as presented, is that a reporter is interviewing a man who might - or might not - be a prizefighter and an ex-Vietnam veteran. Plotwise, the assumption is that he exists. The possibility that, for the listener, he does not exist, and the importance, for the reporter, that he does, presents Stentost with some challenging technical problems.

BBC 1

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7.10 Open University
8.56 Playdays (r)
9.15 Morning Worship from Sussex
University's campus chapel. The Ray
Dr Colin Morris continues his examination of God's nature

10.00 Bazaar. Household, beauty and
fashion hints from Janice Long (r)

10.25 Buonglome Italia! (r)

10.30 Mosaic. Is Britain's

immigration system loaded against black people? (r)

11.20 You in Mind. Series suggesting ways of improving mental health (r)

11.30 Step Up to Wordpower.
Chris Serie offers reading and writing help for adults. His guest is Michael Palin. (Ceefax) 11.55 You Are What You Eat. Liza Goddard'a culde to healthy eating (r). Goddard a guide to healthy eating (r). (Ceefax) 12.05 See Hear! Magazine series for the hearing

impaired impaired

12.30 Country File. Rupert Segar asks if the burden of tha Uniform Business Rate could mean the end of many small rural businesses 12.56

1.00 News followed by On the Record: Labour and Liberty. Jonathan Dimbleby asks Roy Hattersley, Labour's deputy leader, about his party's commitment to the rights of clizens 2.00 EastEnders (r).

party's commitment to the rights of citizens 2.00 EastEnders (r). (Ceefax)

3.00 Film: Cleah of the Titans (1981).
Laurence Ofivier and Cleire Bloom star in this fantasy adventure set in Ancient Greece, with special effects by Ray Harryhausen.
Directed by Desmond Davis.
(Ceefax)

4.50 Tom and Jerry. Cartoon

5.00 The Clothes Show includes a report on meternity wear, with Caryn Franklin questioning the worth of buying a brand new wardrobe for only a few months' use; and Selina Scott enquiring about men's attitudes to their appearance

5.30 Antiques Roadshow from the Corn Exchange, Brighton. The last in the series presented by Hugh Scutty. (Ceefax)

6.15 Quit and Win. A chance to find out whether Arine Robinson has succumbed to temptation since giving up smoking four days ago

giving up smoking four days ago News with Moira Stuart. Weather

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6.25 News with Moira Stuart. Weather

6.40 Songs of Praise from the Second
Comber Presbyterian Church in
County Down. (Ceefax)

7.15 Don't Wait Up. Comedy series
starring Tony Britton and Nigel
Havers as father and son doctors
men practising at opposite ends of
the medical spectrum. (Ceefax)

7.45 Bergerac: Diplomatic incident.
Jim's holiday is cut short when he is
called back to guard an
international VIP. But he becomes
increasingly annoyed at the man's
refluctance to keep a low profile.
Starring John Neitles and Julian
Glover. (Ceefax)

8.40 Mastermind. This week's
specialist subjects are the geography
of Australia; the German
occupation of the Channel Islands;
the science fiction of Brian Aldiss;
and the life and works of Ravel.

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Presented by Magnus
Magnusson from the Great Hall, 9.10 That's Life! Consumer affairs

series
9.55 News with Martyn Lewis. Weather
10.10 Heart of the Matter, Nalson
Mandela talks to Joan Bakewell about the personal and spiritual journey that helped him cope with

imprisonment, and discusses the future of South Africa and its people 10.45 Deer John: USA. Comedy series 11.10 Someone Like Me. New series looking at work and unemployment. In this first programme, widower Martin Huntes explains why he has Martyn Hughes explains why he has Spent such a long social security 11.35 Network East (r) 12,15am Weather

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\$.00 TV-wm begins with Good Morning Moments introduced by Ukrica
Jonsson 7.00 Dappledown Farm
presented by Brian Cant
8.00 David Frost on Sunday. The
guests include Bryan Gould and,
reviewing the newspapers,
Donald Trefford and Harriet Harman.
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9.25 Disney's An Officer and a Duck.
A complication of Disney cartoons made between 1942 and 1945

10.15 The Campbells. Dr James
Campbell and Captain Sims enter into an enesy pertnership with Charlotte Logain, the niece of the original owner of Logan's Inn

10.45 Link. This week, Kevin Mulhern talks to representatives of the People First organization about their views on the sterälization of mentally disabled people

11.00 Morning Worship from the Church of the Blessed Secrament, Cheinstord, Essex

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12.00 Encounter. Christian writer and entertainer Adrian Plass describes his struggle to come to terms with the idea of a loving God

12.30 My Little Pony. Animated series
12.40 Police 5 12.55 LWT Means and weather

1.00 News with Sue Carpenter. Weather
1.10 Eyewitness includes reports from Mrs Thatcher's Finchley constituency and on the East German elections

2.00 Find a Family. Four-year-old Sansantha comes from the south of England and is both physically and mentally hendicapped. She was filmed at her special school, asking for a permanent family

2.05 McClond: Sherkel, part two.
Confirming this adventure with Marshal Sam McCloud on the trail of a ruthless loen shark suspected of murdering an Indian girl. Starring Donnis Weaver (r)

3.05 Cartoon Time

3.25 The Match. Manchester United v
Liverpool. Briam Moore is the commentator at Old Traifford

5.35 Rescue: Avalenche. Disaster strikes in the Scottish Highlands and Rescue 137 is scrambled, along with the other mountain rescue services, in a bid to locate those byried by an avalenche. with the other mountain rescue services, in a bid to locate those buried by an avalanche International Athletics: The Kodak Classic. Great Britain v US v

USSR five from Cosford 7.05 News and weather 7.10 LWT News and weather
7.15 The Two of Us. Ashley and Elaine

decide that it is time to start discussing such questions as whether they can afford to buy a house and when they are going to have children. Starring Micholas Lyndhurst and Janet Dibley. (Oracle) 7.45 The 21st British Academy

Awards. The Princess Royal, president of BAFTA, is the guest of honour and Michael Aspel is the host at Grosvenor House. London. Continues after the news 9.45 News with Sua Carpenter. Weather

10.05 The 21st British Academy Awards continued 11.00 Find a Family. An update from tha

2.00 appeal
11.05 International Athletics: The
Kodak Classic, Great Britain v US v
USSR from Costord 12.05am Whithread Round the World Yacht Race, Gareth Evans with tha letest news. Followed by Find a
Family Update

12.35 Golf: The Players Championship
from Ponte Vedra, Florida, Followed

by News headlines 2.35 The ITV Chart Show (r)

3.35 Pick of the Week. The best of the week's regional television presented by Bryce Curdy. Followed by 4.05 Nescar. American stock car racing, featuring the AC Dello 500 5.00 ITN Morsing News. Ends at 6.00

(#CT+) BBC-2==== 8.35 Open University 12.00 Westminster Week. (Ceefax) 12.35 Around Westminster 1.00 Open Advice. Using the Library 1.25 Weekend Outlook (r) 1.30 46 Minutes: Me and My Bike (r).

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(Ceefex)
2.36 Celebrity Matchpley Golf. The
championship course at Walton
Heath is tackled by Nick Faido,
Jan Woosnam, Sandy Lyle and Scott

3.00 Ashkenezy — Back in the USSR.
Vladimir Ashkenezy and the Royal
Philharmonic Orchestra are joined
in Moscow by pianist Andrei Gavrilov

4.50 X-S. Arts magazine 5.10 Rughy Special. Highlights of yesterday's Scotland v England

game 6.10 it's Garry Shandling's Show. The

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6.35 The Money Programme. Robin Alticen examines the options open to John Major in Tuesday's budget

7.15 Land of the Eagle. Part four of the study of North America's natural history since the first settlers. The film is shot in unspoilt territory, giving a vivid idea of how the wcomers would have found it.

(Cestax)

8.05 The Ballot in Berlin. A Newsnight
Special on the East German election
Results, analysis and comment
presented by Donald MacCormick.

8.35 Airline: Mesion To Sell. The third
in the series on British Airways and
its chale.

in the series on private having its rivals

9.25 The Talk Show with Clive James.
Guests include novelist Fay Waldon

10.10 Screen Two: The Lorelel.
(Ceefao) (see Choice)

11.25 The Ballot in Berlin. Update on the East German election.

11.55 Repido (r)
12.25 and Snub TV (r). Ends at 1.00

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8.00 Heliekujathi (r) 8.30 Country
Ways. Rye (r) 7.00 Growing Places
with Penelope Keith (r) 7.30 Box
Office Weekly 8.00 The Bluffers
8.30 Children's Island 9.00 Dennis
9.25 Spice. The guests is actor Art

Maik
10.00 A Week in Politics
11.00 Boom! (r) 11.30 The Henderson
Kids 12.00 The Waltons 1.00 Land
of the Giants
2.00 Film: London Relongs to Me
(1948, b/w) starring Richard
Attenborough as a young
mechanic convicted of murder
whose fellow lodgers, sure of his
innocence, support him with petitions
and a march to Westminster. and a march to Wastminster. Directed by Sidney Gilliat

4.05 Blake, Intropid Canadian, Blake
James swaps city pressures for
adventures in the outback

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4.25 Southwest. American-style
management at Hewlett Packard's
computer plant in Bristol
5.25 News summary and weather
5.30 Art of the Western World. The
links between politics and art during
the inter-war years
8.00 4th Dimension
6.30 The Wonder Years
7.00 Fragile Earth: Balkal — Blue Eye
of Siberia. Part two (Oracle)
8.00 The Media Show
9.00 Sinfonletta ii profiles German
composer Hans Werner Henze

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90.00 Film: Willie & Phil (1980) starring Rey Starkey, Michael Onticean and Mergot Kidder. Setrical comedy tracing the breaking-up of long-standing manage a trois. Directed by Paul Mazursky
12.15am Film: A Suspended Lite (1987) starring Hela Bassam and Jacques Weber as two friends living inside the Beirut war zone. Directed by Jocelyne Saab, Ends at 1.50

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BBC1 WALES 10.50mm The Flying Doctors
11.36 Time For Sport 12.30mm-1.00
Farming in Wales 12.16mm-12.20 News and
weather NORTHEEM THELLESUE 3.00mm
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4.30-5.60 Ulyter in Focus: Armson 10.10 Sessions
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11.45 Deer John 12.10mm Someone Like Me 12.40
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BBC2 WALES: 12.35pm-1.00 See Hearl
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ANGLIA As London except 12.30pm-1.09

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World Yacht Race 2.56 -3.25 Busieve 11.35 Human
Factor 12.05 as to One to One 12.36 Invisible Man 1.05
The Specialcular World of Guinness Records 1.35
Mysteries of the Polar Seas 3.20 Cover Story 4.00 Pick
of the Week 4.30 -6.00 Coast to Coest People
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12.00 Sunday Service 12.30 pm -1.00 Jack Thompson
Down Under 2.05 Up Courny 2.35 Highway to Heaven
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News on the hour.

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SKY MOVIES

From 8.00am The Shopping Channel
2.00pm The Dirt Sike Kid (1986): A kid
takes on a gang of bikers lead by an
unscrupulous businessman
4.00 Home Front (1987): A teenager
returns from boarding school and attempts
to thwart his parents' political ambitions
6.00 Wizards of the Lost Kingdom:
Fantasy adventure about a wizard's son who
embarks on a quest for a magic ring
which will free the kingdom
7.40 Projector: Movies on Sky
8.00 Broadcast Naws (1987): Romantic
comedy which goes behind the scenes of
American television news. With Holly
Hunter, William Hurt and Albert Brooks
19.15 The Color Purple (1985): Whoopl
Goldberg in Stephan Spielberg's tale of
hardship and cruelty in the deep South
12.45am Maximum Overdrive (1988):
Electrical appliances and vehicles take on
lives of their own and attack their human
owners. With Emilio Estevez
2.25 The Fly (1988): Jeff Goldblush as a
scientist whose experiment goes painfully
wrong
4.00 Touch and Go (1987): An ice

4.00 Touch and Go (1987): An ice hockey champion (Michael Keaton) is mugged and finds himself involved in his attacker's life. Ends at **6.40mm**

EUROSPORT

6.00am The Hour of Power 7.00 Fun Factory 0.00 Nordic Skiling 10.00 Cycling 11.00 Basketball 1.00pm Ski Jumping 3.30 Trax 4.00 Handbalt Capital Tournament 5.00 Skiing: Men's Parallel Slalom 6.00 Horse Show 7.00 Football 9.00 Trans World Sport 10.00 Handbalf 11.00 Ski Jumping 12.00 Skiing

MTV

8.00am Ray Cokes 10.30 Tha Big Picture 11.00 European Top 20 12.30pm Club MTV 1.00 Paul King 5.00 MTV's Greatest Hits 6.00 XPO 6.30 Kristiane Backer 9.00 MTV Spotlight: New Order Special 9.30 New Visions: World Beat 10.00 Week in Rock 10.30 Club MTV 11.00 Night Videos

SCREENSPORT

12.30am Argantinian Football 1.30 Pro Bowlers 2.45 Spanish Football 4.45 US Pro Ski Tour 5.15 ice Speedway 6.15 Sport en France 7.00 Powersports 8.00 US Pro Ski Tour 8.30 Basketball 10.00 ice Hockey 12.00 Spanish Football 1.45pm Rugby League 3.30 Basketball 5.00 Argentinian Football 5.00 Golf 7.00 Golf 11.00 Basketball 12.30cm US Pro Ski Tour

 Full information on satellite TV programmes is available in the weekly magazine, TV Guide.

RADIO 1

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9.30 Dave Lee Travis
12.30em Pick of the Pops: Alan
Freeman with the week's Top
20 charts from 1967, 1972 and
1989 3.00 Scruples II
presented by Sanon Mayo 3.30
Philip Schofield 5.00 Top 40
with Bruno Brookes 7.00 Arms
Nightingale's Request Show
9.00 Andy Kerahaw 11.002.00em Bob Harns on Sunday

RADIO 2

RADIO 3

6.35am Open University (FM only)
6.55 Weather and News
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7.60 Heads: A 12-part series Handet: A 12-part series featuring the Concerning on the Concerning of the Concernin

7.36 News 7.38 Molasiwitach: The fifth of seven programmes.
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in G. minor, Op 22); Deleus
(Pano Concerto
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8.36 News 8.38 Your Concert Cholos: Nour Concert Choice:
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16.36 Music Weskly in Stockholm:
Scantinavien Season.
Alachesi Oliver samples
Swedish musical life
11.45 Mehler (Symphony No 9:
BBC Prattamonic under
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BBC Pranamonic under Gunther Herbig)

12.38pm Foor Cypresses and a Ceinstit Chlinginum String Cultrist, with Andrew Mariner, cleriner, performs Svolids (Cypresses, Nos 1, 2, 3 and 11); Brahms (Ceinsel in B minor, Cp 118)

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FM Sterco. 4.00em David
Altan 8.00 Graham Knight 7.30
Good Morning Sunday 9.05
Melodies For You 11.00 Your
Radio 2 All-Time Greats
2.00em Benny Green 3.25-3.20
Football Special (MW only)
3.00 Sounds Easy 4.00 Orchestral
Contrasts 4.30-5.00 Sing
Something Simple 5.20-7.00
Charlie Chester (MW only)
7.00 An Actor's Life For Me 7.30
Operetta Nights 8.30 Sunday
Half-Hour 9.00 Your Hundred Best
Tunes 10.05 Songs From the
Shows 10.45 Eric Parkin 11.00
Sounds of Jazz 1.00em Nightnde
3.00-4.00 A Little Night Music

2.50 Rubinstein on Record with Graham Shetfield, The plenist Artur Rubinstein performs Poulenc performs Poulenc (Mouvements perpétuels); Tchaikovsky (Piano Concerto No 1: Boston SO under Leinsdorf). Including e live Chopin recital, performed in Moscow in 1964, with encores by Schumann, Debussy and Vita-Lobos (r) Vila-Lobos (f)
4.20 Celebrity Recital: Olal Bar, bartione, Geoffrey Parsons, panc, perform Wolf (Exchandorff Lieder: Der

Musikant: Nachtzauber Musikam, nachtaboer; Verschwiegene Liebe; Der Scholar; Der Soldat I and II: Der verzweifelte Liebhaber; Goethe Lieder: Königlich Gebat; Beherzigung; Cophisches Lied 1; Dank des Beier Dan Schöffer. des Paria; Der Schäter; Gutmann und Gutweib); Schumann (Liederkreis, Op

8.40 The Story of Denny James (see Choice) 6.30 BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra in Vienna under Jerzy Maksymiuk, with Robert Conen, cello, performs MacMillan (Tryst): Eigar (Cello Concerto) 7.35 Carol Aubock, Professor of Design at Vienna's Technical University, visits the Belvedere, the Baroque palace built by Eugene of Sevinance

8.40 New Music Group of Scotland under Edward Harper performs Harper (Quintat, 1974); Hallidi Hallgrimsson (Verse 1 for ne and callo): Thea Musgrave (Chamber Concerto No 2)

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of the world by Gustav
Düben, with sonates for
violan and harpschord by

Johan Heimich Roman. Scandinavian Season 10.06 Third Ear with Robert Hawison (r) 19.30 Night Voices: A sequence of words and music of words and music explaining the Lenten theme of suttening. The focus of prayers, poetry and prose, written by Dietrich Bonhoeffer during his gombaine during its impresonment in Nazi Germany, 1943-5, is Christ's agony at Gethalmane 3 The Sacred Mysteries of Heierich Bloer: Sorata No 8 in B flet "The Crowning of the Property Sorata No 8 in B flet "The Crowning of the Property Sorata No 8 in B flet "The Crowning of the Property Sorata No 8 in B flet "The Crowning of the Property Sorata No 8 in B flet "The Property Sorata No 8 in B flet "The Crowning of the Property Sorata No 8 in B flet "The Crowning of the Property Sorata No 8 in B flet "The Crowning of the Property Sorata No 8 in B flet "The Crowning of the Property Sorata No 8 in B flet "The Crowning of the Property Sorata No 8 in B flet "The Crowning of the Property Sorata No 8 in B flet "The Crowning of the Property Sorata No 8 in B flet "The Crowning of the Property Sorata No 8 in B flet "The Crowning of the Property Sorata No 8 in B flet "The Crowning of the Property Sorata No 8 in B flet "The Crowning of the Property Sorata No 8 in B flet "The Crowning of the Property Sorata No 8 in B flet "The Crowning of the Property Sorata No 8 in B flet "The Crowning of the Property Sorata No 8 in B flet "The Crowning of the Property Sorata No 8 in B flet "The Crowning of the Property Sorata No 8 in B flet "The Crowning of the Property Sorata No 8 in B flet "The Crowning of the Property Sorata No 8 in B flet "The Crowning of the Property Sorata No 8 in B flet "The Propert

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WORLD SERVICE

5.00am German Fauture:: \$.35 News in German; Headlines in English and Franch 5.47 Sports News 5.50 Furancial Review World News 5.09 Book Choice 5.15 Club 5.47 Sports News 5.50 Furancial Review World News 5.09 Book Choice 5.15 Club News 5.09 Royal Selection 1.15 News 5.09 Book Choice 5.15 Club 648 5.30 Londres Soir 8.15 BBC English News 6.00 Revision 1.15 BBC English 1.15 BBC English 1.15 Revision 1.15

RADIO 4

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5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00
News Briefing; Weather
6.10 Profude with Manjorie
Lofthouse (s) 6.30 News;
Morning Has Broken (s)
6.55 Weather 7.00 News
7.10 Sunday Papers
7.15 On Your Farm: Claire Powell
visits. John Sperce's dairy

visits John Spence's dairy and arable farm at Heddon-on-the-Wall in the Tyne Valley 7.40 Sunday, incl 7.55 Weather 8.00 News 7.55 Weather 8.00 News
8.10 Sunday Papers 8.50 Appeal
by Peter White on behalf of
Action on Disability and
Development which works
with disabled people in the
Third World 8.55 Weather
9.00 News 9.10 Sunday Papers
9.15 Letter From America by
Alistair Cooke (f)
9.30 Morning Service: Eucharist
from the Chapel of Pusey
House, Oxford (s).

House Oxford (s) edition 11.15 News Stand with Maureen

11.30 Pick of the Week with

Margeret Howard (s) (r) 12.15pm Desert Island Discs: Sue Lawley with Richard Rogers, architect of the Pompidou Centre in Part and the Lloyd's building in London (s) 12.55 Weather 1,00 The World This Weekend with Nick Clarka in Berlin for the East German elections and John Sergeam in London 1.55 Shipping

Forecast 2.90 Gardeners' Question Time from the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology. Members of the Senic Union Gardening Club put their queries to Dr Stefan Buczacki, Fred Downham and Kan Hulme. With Clay Jones in the chair 2.30 Classic Seriel: The Mystery of Edwin Drood, by Charles Dickens, dramatized in five

parts. Pert 3: The Arrival (s) 3.30 The Radio Programme with Laurio Taylor (5) 4.00 News; Soundtrack: Animal Hospital. In the second of six programmes, a vist is part to Bristol's School of Vetennary Science 4.42 Profile: Geoff Watts with a porman of Danis Mobile. Prolessor of Physiology at Oxford, who is figuring

against the discline of research in this country

5.00 News; Down Your Way: Malcolm Bradbury, university lecturer, novelist and television scriptwriter, explores Norwich, his home

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5.40 Snapshots From the Roof of the World: Radio Pictures of Ladakh. The Road to Chilling. Radio photographer Tim Malyon presents a picture of the remote Ladakh region in the Himalayas 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather 6.00 News 6.15 Letter From . . . Israel: Four Lenger From . . Israel: Four talks by foreign correspondents. The BBC's Jarusalem correspondent, Gerald Burt, on the Arab-israeli conflict

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6.30 Europhile: Weeldy magazine reflecting political life in Europe (r)

7.00 Cat's Whiskers presented by Andy Crane (s)

7.30 Bookshelf (r)

8.00 Punters: An opportunity for insteners to report on life's opportunity in the second control of the

problems, injustices and quirks. With Susan Marting 8.40 Reading Aloud: Travels with Henry, written and read by Colin Johnson. A narrative, set in the Hebrides, describing the author's first

experiences as a professional actor 9.00 News; Enquire Within with Dely Barlow (r)
9.15 The Natural History
Programme 9.59 Weather 10.00 News, incl coverage of the results of today's General Election in East Germany 19.15 The Churchill Years: Six

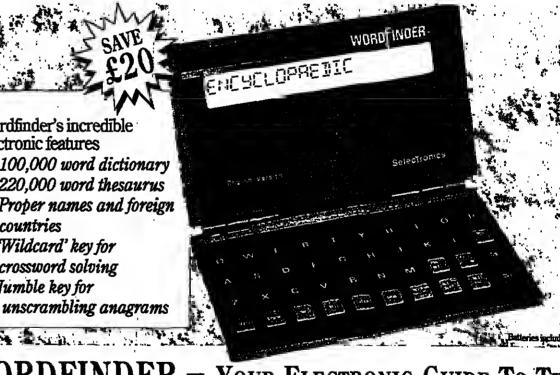
10.15 The Churchill Years: Sot plays by David Wheeler documenting Winston Churchill's career. Part 2: Criss at Agadir (s) (r) 11.00 in Committee 11.30 Seeds of Faith: The Way the World Is. Part 3: Can a Scientist Pray? The Rev Dr. John Polionothome presents John Policinghome presents sox programmes for Lent (s) 12.50-12.30am News, incl 12.20 Weather 12.33 Shipping

Forecast FM as LW except: 7.00-8.00am Open University: 7.00 Modern Art: Presente and Policies 7.20 Social Sciences: Act of God? 7.40 Culture and Bellef II Europe: Renaissance Music 1.55-2.00pm Programme News 4.00-6.00 Opens: 4.00 Education Matters 4.30 The Wating Game 5.00 A Long, Long Tale a-Winding 5.30 Riode of the Stones

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Neck and neck in first free elections

From Anne McElvoy East Berlin

East Germans bead for the polls tomorrow in their first free elections since the Nazi takeover in 1933 with the two main contenders neck and neck at the finishing post.

The Social Democrats who only a week ago seemed certain to be the leading force in a coalition government are now faced with a threat from the conservative three-party Alliance for Germany closing the gap by the day.

The first real elections also look likely to be the last in the country with the foremost task of the new government being to negotiate speedy unification with West Germany and effectively make itsetf superfluous.

In the overbeated atmosphere of smears, exposures and wild promises which have governed the campaign in its closing stages, the elec

torate appears to be looking for a party or alliance it thinks will bring unity fastest with least damage to its living standards.

Only a handful of the 500' deputies to the Volkskammer (parliament) are expected to be returned.

The population which used to refer to the elections under the Communists as simply "folding the form" is looking perplexed by the pace of developments and many say that they are uncertain whether they will vote at all.

• Schnur action - The East German Justice Ministry on Friday said it was opening disciplinary proceedings against former conservative eader Wolfgang Schnur for his connections with the Stasi secret police, the news agency

Only four days before the East German elections, Mr Schnur shocked his partners in the conservative coalition by admitting that he bad been



First talks on eliminating apartheid

Pretoria and ANC to meet next month

From Gavin Bell, Johannesburg

The South African Government and the African National Congress will meet for the first time next month, to pave the way for negotiations on eliminating apartheid and sharing power.

The encounter, in Cape Town on April 11. was announced yesterday by President de Klerk, who said the discussions would deal with "obstacles perceived to obstruct the process towards negotia-tions". He will lead a cabinet team, and Mr Nelson Mandela, the ANC vicepresident, will head the organization's delegation.

Mr Tom Sebina, the senior ANC spokesman in Lusaka, said the composition of its delegation was still being considered. Asked about prospects of success, he said: "Weare bopeful, I think there is a very strong commitment on both sides."

The talks are expected to focus on ANC preconditions for negotiations the release of all political prisoners and

Black rale inevitable.

an end to political trials, the lifting of the state of emergency and the repeal of discriminatory legislation. Pretoria will want a commitment to peaceful

Prisoners are being released gradually. and Mr de Klerk has expressed willingness to phase out emergency laws if security permits. Government sources are encouraged

by the motual respect which has developed between Mr de Klerk and Mr

It is also regarded as fortuitous that both Mr de Klerk and Mr Mandela are trained lawyers, while Dr Gerrit Viljoen, the Minister for Constitutional Development who heads the cabinet negotiation team, is an academic of keen iotellect.

.. Despite an apparent sense of urgency on both sides, substantive negotiations on creating a post-apartheid society are unlikely to begin soon.

Tory MPs reveal a growing unease over the leadership

Continued from page 1 association: "It is sad that we vatives of up to 33 per cent. cannot rely upon our Govern-Anxiety among Conservative ment to present its policies in MPs in Midlands seats came a more constructive and to the fore yesterday with Mr acceptable light before the to the fore yesterday with Mr acceptable light before the Patrick Cormack, MP for May local elections come South Staffordshire, saying: along." The ultimate test of leadership is knowing when to end it. It is important to hand on the torch while it is still aflame." Mrs Thatcher should

stand down within the next

AROUND BRITAIN

GLASGOW

two years, he said. The Conservative MP for Macclesfield, Mr Nicholas Winterton, told the annual meeting of his constituency

association: "It is sad that we Cabinet minister. Sir Norman

There was a real fear that the party had lost touch with reality and with the grass roots of its support, he said.

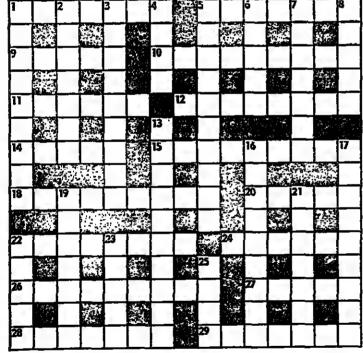
The letters of complaint and disillusionment, the telephone calls of frustration and anger, the personal approaches of despair, come in daily like a tide," he said. In addition, the former

Fowler, said that the value of child benefit should not be allowed to wither away.

The Harris poll carried out for London Weekend Television's Evewitness programme found that if there were an election tomorrow, Mrs Thatcher could lose herseat in Finchley, north London.

Her 8,913 majority at the eneral election represented a 22% lead over Labour. But the poll showed it had been eroded to 43 per cent for both Labour and Conservatives.

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ACROSS

- 1 Essential food the best part of
- 5 He's loaded a doctor's back (7). 9 Female will remove cases (5).
- 19 Novel character as special agent
- 11 About 10 move right in recent grouping of moderates (6).
 12 Shruh with flower contrary gar-
- dener produced (8).
- 14 Snnw blocks building (5). 15 Cricket side passed over curtly
- 18 Origin of gustatory impairment? L's a longue condition (9).
- 20 Non-belligerent military leader has a drink (5). 22 Penchant, might it be, for a final
- 24 Punch companion endlessly wildly hit her (6).
- 26 Vehicle 10 drive off, we hear?
- This'll belp stop it (5-4). 27 Often prchestra includes this
- sort of hara (5). 28 Mathematical formula makes article more complicated (7).
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- 2 Constant changes
- Very excited composer, taking in Brazilian city (9). 4 Oxford saint cut with blade, we
- 5 Sea-creature to ridicule with
- nnnsense about silly fin (6-4). Dish that's divided first (5). Scholar or student taken in by 8 Vandyke, possibly (7).
- Particularly fine extremes of delicacy (5). 13 City gent's upset about tonight's
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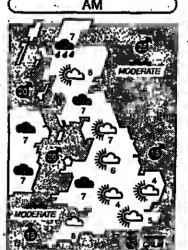
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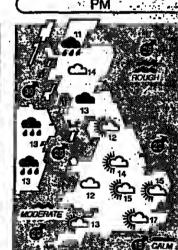
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Market report, page 20

MiniScribe \$20m loan defended

Standard Chartered Bank has defended its decision to lend \$20 million to MiniScribe, the collapsed US components group, last January even though the company had filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy (Neil Bennett writes).

"At the time we put the money in," said a spokesman, "there seemed a reasonable prospect of a solution to MiniScribe's problems. The filing meant the company was being reconstructed. "We thought the loan also

enhanced the prospect of selling the company. Clearly in retrospect the decision was

rong."
After it made the loao, negotiations to sell MiniScribe fell through, although the bank said it still boped to find a buyer and its loans were secured on almost all the company's remaining assets. The US court said a buyer needs to found by April 17.

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with micrim kisses of £3,43 million last December, has blamed its woes on PRB. the less-making Belgian ammunitions maker acquired from Societé Generale de Belgique, the industrial conglomerate.

backfired.

last September for £21.5 million. Mr Roy Barber, the accountant who took over as chairmao after the departure earlier this month of Mr Gerald James, said the financial position of PRB was "materially worse" than represented

Acquisition of Belgian ammunition group blasts profits

Deal explodes in Astra's face

to Astra when it acquired the company. Astra's former management had been led to believe PRB would make pre-tax profits of £2 million in 1989, he said. Instead it has made a loss of £12 million.

Astra, which terminated talks with La Generale after it refused to rescind the acquisition contract or pay Astra compensation, is now to talks with its legal advisors with a view to securing compensation through the courts.

"We're looking to pay a realistic price for the business, but as set it is difficult to tell just what a realistic price is," said Mr Tooy McCann, a former Senior Vice President of Black & Decker and a former director of Littlewoods, who took over yesterday as Astra's new chief

"The post-mortem is still being

Mr Barber, who refused to comment on what precisely might have gone wrong in the due diligeoce process, said Astra would be making "substantial provisions" for PRB loss, but was under no. legal obligation to provide further capital

or financial support. Early steps towards "substantial re-structuring" of the group will be an-

nounced next week. Astra reported pre-tax profits of £9.5 million on turnover of £96.2 million last

Depositors still bitter as SIB trial nears

The trial of eight meo in connection with the £42 million collapse of the Savings and Investment Bank (SIB) on the Isle of Man in 1982 opens on Tuesday io a Port Erin hotel converted into a courtroom for the case.

The hearing, before the Acting Deemster, Mr Thomas Field-Fisher, QC, and a jury of 12, marks the end of a two-year iovestigation by Fraud Squad officers after the savings of 5,000 SIB clients disappeared.

But the trial has not ended the anger and frustration felt by many depositors, some of whom lost their life savings in the crash.

United States could fol-

low a \$1.6 billion cash

offer by BTR, the manu-

Massachusetts-based

to be the world's biggest

abrasives company. The \$75-a-sbare offer,

which compared with a ru-

mour-boosted overnight Nor-

ton share price of \$58%, was

widely welcomed in London

as a sensible move. It would

not depress BTR earnings and

BTR skills might be able to raise Norton's 9.6 per cent

profit margins to BTR's 17.6

Shares in BTR, which

further 20p to 437p, valuing

In New England, however,

the bid started with all the

hallmarks of the adversarial

the United States. Mr John

said there had been no pre-

The tender offer was

communicated by a telephone

call to the home of Mr Joho

Nelson, Norton's chairman,

president and chief executive.

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the group at £7.6 billion.

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chaired by Sir Owen laws that can thwart bostile Green, for Norton, the takeovers. BTR's American

multinational that claims overcome potential barriers.

when the group revealed a 32 Nelson's in Massachusetts,

legal approach widely used in comment, but US analysts did

Cahill, BTR's chief executive, there need be a bitter legal said there had been no pre-

The seven charges on the indictment include conspiracy to defraud,

falsification of accounts and fraudulent trading.

Against the background of a criminal trial likely to last at least six mooths, a civil action has been launched against the Manx government, which licensed SIB under the island's 1975 Banking Act

The Manx Financial Supervision Commission says that a licence was granted when there was widespread reliance in British banking on selfregulation. The depositors say that, in granting the licence, the govern-ment assumed a duty of care to them which was breached when, they claim, it failed properly to supervise

After the crash, the joint liq-uidators, Peat Marwick and Cork

BTR launches

\$1.6bn bid

for US group

By Graham Searjeant, Financial Editor

Another legal battle over at 6.15 am local time, which been caught after an un-

British bid in the left Mr Cahill delivering his expected \$10 million fall in

Norton has a conventional

Massachusetts has business

lawyers swiftly filed suits to

the bid was not intended to be

hostile. In a letter to Mr

Nelson aimed at defusing local

opposition, be said: "We are

wanted to be constructive, did

not buy companies to break them up and had no plans to

ton's headquarters from Wor-

per cent rise in pre-tax profit where BTR already has bid from available borrowings to £1.08 billion, gained a substantial interests, and that and is negotiating new facil-

Nelsoo over the weekend.

higher bid if there were talks.

not take it for granted that

Norton stock is held by in-

earnings. But Norton, which

The bid values it at 19 times

has a patchy profit record, has Norton stock.

stitutional investors.

BTR left the door open for a percent.

cester, Massachuserts.

moved ahead on Wednesday bouse 50 miles from Mr American basinesses.

very impressed with Norton."

But Mr Cahill insisted that

message only to an answering profits to \$129 million, due to

The letter said that BTR not expect to encounter anti-

them up and had no plans to close factories or move Nor-BTR's \$3 billion US sales. But

Mr Cahill said he had a separate flotation of BTR's

he hoped he might talk to Mr ities. Its loan gearing would

Norton made oo immediate ditional on two thirds accep-

raised. About 70 per cent of reserved the right to start a

poison pill provision and years of recovery.

cost problems, after a re-

It is the market leader in

grinding wheels, its original

base, as well as having strong

positions in sandpaper and

It also makes technically ad-

vanced industrial ceramics

and high performance plastics.

the US. But there is little

overlap with BTR, which does

If successful, the Norton bid

Mr Cahill said Norton was not

the vehicle for the planned

BIR plans to imance the

rise from about 40 to ocarly 70

The offer, which is con-

Unless Norton agrees a bid

tance, is due to end on April

by the end of March BTR has

proxy battle to replace most of

Norton's directors at the an-

outly meeting on April 26. It starts with only \$15 million

trust objections.

Nearly half sales are outside

diamond and boron grinding.

structuring brought three

Gully, recovered £13.1 million, from which fees and costs have accounted for £7.6 million.

An interim dividend to creditors of 15p in the pound was approved this week by Deemster John Corrin, but the acrimony goes on, among both those who have lost their savings and the island's politicians, concerned at the probable £10 million cost of the trial, the biggest of its kind in Manx history. Some £4 million has been approved for legal aid fees for the eight accused. The Manx government believes that a thorough hearing is essential in repairing damage to the island's

reputation as a financial centre. Mr Jim Noakes, banking supervisor with the commission, would

British firm delivers dawn offer to answering machine

said that finance now dominated the island's economy, carning more than £77 million a year. The

commission was set up in January 1983, seven months after the SIB crash, and introduced regulations on banking and building society business, collective investment schemes and the sale of investment products. There are now 51 banks on the

island that meet the £5 millioo minimum capital requirement laid down by the government, two-thirds of them British. "Some see this as a deterrent to new licence applications, but we are unrepentant," Mr Noakes said.

At least 10 applications from banks to open a branch oo the island

oot comment oo the SIB case, but have been rejected in recent years. Mr Noakes said: "Any regulator in the world will say that what saddens him most is this need for ever more detailed regulation.

"That the market and the standards of the market require this is simply a result of competition. But now in every area of our supervision, banks, collective investment schemes and investment business, we have tough licensing, significant capital requirements, and very tight

The measures are seen as being among the most stringent in Europe, but SIB investors, drawn by the attractive rate of interest offered, sense that they have been left to pay for an unbolted stable door.

housebuilder and property de-veloper in London Docklands, were suspended on the Stock Exchange pending the outcome of ao important notification requirements." property sale and talks with its bankers. The shares have plunged from a high of 270p last summer to their suspension price of 38p, off 24p this week alone

as the company approaches its March 31 financial year-end. At the suspension price it is valued at £6 million.
At the time of the interim

results in Jaouary, showing a £1.33 million loss, Wiggins was hopeful of selling its 347room four-star hotel, beside Olympia & York's Canary Wharf development in Dock-lands, to an unnamed big company in the hotels field for £55 million.

Profits from the sale would have boosted this year's earnings, hard hit by the housebuilding and property coll-apse, But Wiggins now says it has prepared a "fall-back position" in case the sale does not now take place.

Mr Geoff Lansbury, the

managing director, said he had "every expectation" the sale would be completed by the financial year-end.

The potential buyer had been given a deadline of this date to clinch the sale, or at least show willing. But if the sale did not take

place, the group would oced to extend its borrowing facilities to tide it over.

The shares were suspended at the company's request, he said, to prevent a false market. "We're very surprised at the movement in the shares in the

last two or three days," be

The fall-back position is a tax partnership scheme under which investors could recoup 75 per cent of their purchase price from the taxman if they complete in the present finan-

But the proceeds from this will not be available until well after the hotel's prospectus goes out this summer.

Wiggins bas identified several potential investors - including the Holiday Inn chain, which wants to operate the hotel - hul needs more. Mr Lansbury said the company's banks were "excited" at the tax shelter plan.

Meanwhile, the company has exchanged contracts for £9 million worth of sales at its South Quay tax shelter business apartments development, close to the hotel in Docklands, and another £15 millioo of reservations have been

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Playing for high stakes: John Cahill, BTR chief executive, after making his bid yesterday

Economic data signal need for Budget to fight inflation

By Colin Narbrough, Economics Correspondent

A pre-Budget welter of economic statistics showed that high interest rates have slowed the economy but have yet to make serious inroads into inflation. Economists saw the data as signalling the need for a tight Budget on Tuesday, as the counter-inflationary squeeze appears to have failed to curb

consumer sufficiently. Real disposable income rose by 5 per cent last year. Treasury data on Government fiounces showed a repayment of £1 billion last month, putting the Budget surplus atter 11 months at £9.6 billion against £16.2 billion at the

same stage last year. This suggests the surplus will fall far short of the £12.5 billion Mr John Major hoped for on becoming Chancellor. The market expects £8 billion. A jump in unit wage costs.

By Melinda Wittstock

The stock market value of Astra Hold-

ings, the ammunition, pyrotechnics and

fireworks maker, almost halved yes-

tenday after a warning by the company of

"substantial losses" in the year to end-

March as a result of an acquisition that

Astra shares, which reached a peak of

180p last year, slumped 16p to 21p.

valuing the business at just £19 million.

The company, which shocked the City

which is likely to further fuel. The gross domestic product, inflatioo - already expected to top last year's 8.3 per cent in the months ahead - sent a strong "keep it tight" warning.

In January, unit wage costs in manufacturing were 7.3 per cent higher than io January 1989, after rising 5.4 per cent io the year to December. The latest data - covering the whole ecooomy - showed these costs rising by an annualized 10.1 per cent in the third quarter after 9.0 per cent

in the previous quarter. After prolonged improvements, productivity io manufacturing increased only 0.6 per cent in the year to January. For the whole economy, productivity declined in the second and third quarters. The Cootral Statitistical Of-

fice figures showed that econo-

measuring local goods and services, grew by 2.3 per cent after rising 4.6 per cent in 1988. Mr Major had assumed growth of about 2 per cent in his autumo statement.

Economists believe the finai-quarter figures were boosted by the earlier New Year sales, which also explains the rise in consumer goodsproduction.

January data showed industrial production declining by 0.8 per cent after a 0.9 per cent fall the previous month. The CSO believes the underlying trend growth rate for industrial output is now 1 per cent, half a percentage poior below its previous estimate.

The weod estimate for manufacturing has been downgraded to 2 per cent from 2.5 per mic growth balved last year. cent in the past two months.

Bank plugs hole in tax defences

By Lindsay Cook Family Money Editor

The Bank of England has moved to stop brokers using a Banking Act loophole to set up as alternative banks offering gross interest to UK residents. The move came two days after the Building Societies Association appealed to the Chancellor to allow deposittakers to pay interest gross to oon-taxpayers.

Banks and building soci-eties fear they will lose billions of pounds of deposits through independent taxation, operative next month.

Under an exemption in the Banking Act, brokers, accountants and solicitors can place money on deposit for clieous and carn interest gross, to be passed on to clients without deducting tax.

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Forsayth directors quit after boardroom row

The chairman and four other directors of Forsayth, the Australian gold mining company which enjoys a popular investment following in London, have resigned after a boardroom quarrel.

Mr John Morris, chairman, Mr Michael Evans, a joint managing director, Mr Barry Hacker, Mr Chris Kyriakou, and Mr John Byrne have resigned after a "long-running dispute" with its major 28.1 per cent shareholder, Walhalla Mining, a aubsidiary of First Toronto Mining. Earlier, Walhalla announced it was close to finalizing a deal whereby its state in Parassus Cold the US. its stake in Forsayth would pass to Pegasus Gold, the US mining company. Forsayth's board will be re-constituted with five non-executive directors and one executive.

BAA traffic rises 8.6%

BAA'a seven UK airports handled 4.7 million passengers in February, an increase of 8.6 per cent on the month in 1989 and the largest monthly rise since March last year. Traffic on domestic and long-haol flights advanced by 10 per cent, and on European scheduled routes by 15 per cent. A depressed market for skiing holidays contributed to a 16 per cent fall in short-

Pickens lifts Koito stake

Mr T Boone Pickens, the Texas investor, has in-creased his stake in Koito Manufacturing Co, the Japanese car parts maker, to 26.4 per cent from 24.6 per cent, Koito said. He was expected to increase his stake to about 30 per cent by regis-tering further shares, it said, adding: "We fear that Pick-ens will resort to more press-ure and demands." Toyota holds 19 per cent of Koito, and buys most of its output.

Payout at Brompton

Higher safety and environmental control standards have led to an upsurge in profits at Brompton Holdings, the inspection and testing group, which is paying its first dividend in five

Pre-tax profits increased to £1.5 million, up from £24,000 in the year to end-December, after turnover surged from £12.2 million to £52.3 million. The dividend is 2p, on earnings of 8.2p a share against a loss of 3.3p. Brompton recently announced it had won a significant order, through its Inspectorate OIS subsidiary, at the Sizewell B ouclear power station, but would not specify what this would be worth in

Cooper sales Pict is selling earn £8.45m

Frederick Cooper has sold its Lamson industrial vacnum cleaning and conveying equipment interests to J Bibby for £8.45 million to help eliminate borrowings. Announcement of the disposals accompanied nearlyhalved group pre-tax profits at £2.3 million for the six months to January, on turnover of £33.6 million, up by £1 million. The interim dividend stays at 1.5p, on earnings per share of 4.2p (8.1p).

profit interest

Pict Petroleum is selling its 30 per cent net profits interest in nine onshore licence in Yorkshire to Tullew Oil. The licences include the Kir-by Misperton, Malton and Marishes gas fields and will cost Tallow £315.000 in cash and 300,000 shares, worth £69,000. As a result, Pict will hold 1.5 per cent of Tullow, as a long-term investment. An immediate "beneficial impact" on Pict's balance

to cross-Channel luxury

The first passengers will today In April, the Fantasia's cross from Dover to Calais on sister ship, the Fiesta, joins the star hotel" that represents, the having been refitted at Bremnew owner of the Sealink ferry erhaven. The ships can carry business believe, the future of cross-Channel travel.

Mr Dan Sten Ollsson, chairman of Stena, the Swedish shipping line, was in London yesterday to spell out the fut-ure of Sealink, which Stena finally won control of this week after a year-long fight.

Among his plans are the building of hotels to serve as the ultimate destination of the cross-Channel traveller, a strong drive into the package holiday trade, the import of ships from Stena's Baltic fleet and a revamping of the existing Sealink fleet. Mr Ollsson, who has

adopted the catch-phrase, "Travelling for pleasure," believes the opening of the Channel tunnel will mean that an upgrading to luxury standards is the only way the ferries will survive.

Shareholders in Sea Con-tainers this week approved the twin deals that will see Sealink transferred to Stena and the purchase by Mr Robert Montague's Tiphook of most of its Stena will, on April 1, be able to hoist its flag on the Sea-link fleet, consisting of 14 wholly-owned ferries and five

the Fantasia, a "floating five- cross-Channel service, both 1,800 passengers each and 700 cars. Alongside their inevitable discos and shops, are what are claimed to be the world's first floating fresh pizza outlets.

Stena already runs hotels in Scandinavia, but these are closely tied to its shipping operations and based at the ports used. Mr Ollsson has already identified a site, oo the Continent but away from the port, for his first hotel tied to

About 30 per cent of Stena's revenue comes from package holidays, and computer systems used in that business will be introduced in Sealink as the first step in a strong drive into this activity. Of its seven million passengers on the Baltic, two million are oo holidays arranged by the shipping line. The ideal is to present the

traveller with a package — "car, cabin, meal, hotel, transport, the lot", says Mr Ollsson. Sealink's new owner believes that prices will be similar for ferries and the tunnel. "Neither system will let the other undercut it," says Mr Ollsson. The difference will be about an hour's time saving for tunnel-users. But operated in partnership with Armement Navale, offshoot of the French railway, SNCF. Mr Ollsson does not think this



Bluebird Toys in £5m convertible tax profits from £2.25 million dividend is to be maintained ahead of last year, with this to £2.18 million in the year to at 6.75p. at 6.75p.

Bluebird Toys, the Unlisted Securities Market toymaker, is raising £5.93 million for expansion at home and overseas, with particular attention to Europe and the single market, through a rights issue of convertible stock.

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end-December.

Operating profits jumped by 43.3 per cent to £3.92 million, on group turnover up by 29 per cent at £38.1 million, but interest costs soared from £484,000 to £1.74 million reflecting spending on the Dragon Parc site acquisition in Wales last year.

Although earnings per share panied news of a slip in pre- slip from 22.8p to 17.3p, the present order book is well

Mr Torquil Norman, the chairman, said that high interest rates and dull trading conditions led to disappointrush at Christmas.

Mr Norman said margins Extraordinary costs of had improved and that the £496,000 related to a property

million.

This should be helped by last October's distribution deal with Mattel, the Ameriing repeat orders towards the end of last year, particularly from some of the big stores, although there had been a late can toy company, which should bring in about £3 million of extra sales and add an estimated £400,000 to

reorganization at Merit.

Opec to urge curbs by Kuwait By Our Industrial Staff

Ministers of the Organization

of Petroleum Exporting Countries are expected to pressurize Kuwait, a key producer, to curb oil output as prices this minimum \$18-a-barrel target. "If the price comes down as

doesn't cut there is going to be big disappointment, both in Opec and the market," said Nalcosa, the energy con-sultancy based in Geoeva. "Unless there are reductions [in output] the price

expected and if Kuwait

between now and May will fall between 50 cents and \$1 for light crudes and for heavy more than that." It estimates demand by con-

sumers for Opec oil in the second quarter will average 21 million barrels per day (bpd) and, allowing for a stockbuild of between 500,000 and 1 million bpd, the call on Opec would total 21.5 to 22 million bpd. This compares with Opec output running at close to 24



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Swedes steering Sealink HK Land rises 24% to £119m despite slump

From Luin Yu, Hong Kong

Hoogkong Land, the colony's biggest landlord, has announced record earnings for 1989 despite the turmoil in China which slowed the property market last year.

Net profits rose 24 per cent to HK\$1.51 billioo (£119 million) on rising rents and almost full occupancy of Hongkong Land's portfolio. Earnings per share to end-December increased 23 per cent to 59.4 cents.

Mr Simon Keswick, chairman, said he was "confideot of aoother year of positive rental reversions and profit growth" because of the shortage of prime office space in Hong Kong's central business district

Rentals for the group's properties are the highest in the colony. They averaged HK\$31 a sq ft and HK\$51 a sq ft for office and retail space respectively, representing io-creases over 1988 of 41 per HK\$6.67 billion, or 16.9 per cent and 34 per cent. Mr Keswick said the

commercial property market had held up well and that the group would look for expansion opportunities in Hong Kong and the region. "With net borrowings at less

than 17 per cent of shareholders' funds, Hongkong Land is from 38 cents.

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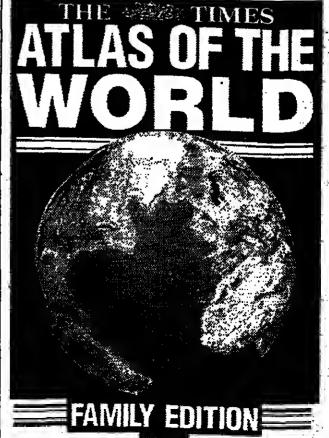
Confident: Simon Keswick well placed to capitalize on suitable opportunities as and when they arise. Accordingly, the group will continue to seek investment and development opportunities io Hong Kong and elsewhere io South-east Asia," he said.

Net borrowings totalled cent of shareholders' funds. A surplus of HK\$2.71 billion has been credited to the investment property reserve following a revaluation of the group's portfolio at the end of A final dividend of 32 cents

makes a total of 48 cents, up

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Minorco payout

Automated Security profits Budget prepares the ground for surge 22% to top £23m

Strong organic growth in all man, said the acquisitions, profits by 65 per cent to £18 electronic security market," divisions helped Automated partially funded by a £75 million on turnover up 41 per now plans to expand. API Security Holdings, the elec-tronic security alarms specialist where Mr Michael Ash-croft's ADT holds just under 5 per cent, lift pre-tax profits by 22 per cent to £23.3 million for the year to end-November.

Confident it is "on the threshold of a new growth phase" inroughout the world as £140 million worth of acquisitions make their first contributions to profits this year, ASH has increased the total dividend by 57 per cent

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The City of London police

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Three men appeared in

Guildhall justice rooms this

week and were granted bail

after being charged with conspiring to defraud by using

24 share certificates worth

They were Mr Lionel Rawlinson, aged 67, of Chel-sea; Mr Christopher Hutala,

sea: Mr. Christopher Hutaia, aged 44, from Richmond, Surrey; and Mr. Ziaul Siddfiqui, aged 45, from Wembley. Mr. Michael Pastides, aged 43, was charged

and will appear next week to apply for bail.

million fraud.

f11.6 million.

partially funded by a £75 million rights issue last July, had only recently been fully integrated into the group, accounting for only £15 million of turnover.

Turnover was up 38 per cent to £114.7 million despite a drop in investment income from £6 million to £1.6 million, while earnings per share climbed 14 per cent to 17.9p.

The security systems di-vision, helped by a three-month contribution from API Alarms, the California husi-

cent to £79.1 million.

ASH's loss-prevention operations, aided by dev-elopment of its electronic article surveillance and closed circuit television activities and the creation of its Automated Loss Prevention Sys-tems, increased profits by 53 per cent to £8.5 million on million.

Mr Buffett, who said the company's aggressive expansion programme has transo 17.9p.

ness acquired last August for formed it into "a leading year, and show formed it into "a leading year, and show international player in the slowing he said.

million on turnover up 41 per now plans to expand. API Alarms throughout the US and make more acquisitions in Europe in loss prevention, which will this year benefit from recent acquisitions in West Germany, France, Sweden, Norway and Denmark.

With crime essentially recession-proof, Mr Buffett is not worried about a downturn turnover up 75 per cent to £34 in British profits despite the property market slump.

Turnover in the first three months of the current year is already 75 per cent up on last

Hornby Group steams ahead with rise of 44%



Engine for growth: Jack Strowger, chairman of Hornby, with Thomas the Tank

The Scalextric and Horaby

GR Holdings made £894,861 pre-tax in the six months to

Sales down

December on sales down from £4.6 million to £4.1 million. Last time's £6.4 million pretax included £5.6 million from the sale of London office space. The dividend stays at 0.4p on earnings of 3.8p

NSM take-up

Shareholders have taken up 75.2 per cent of the £49 million rights issue by NSM. the open-cast coal miner and concrete floor maker, after Anglo United's decision to accept in relation to its 21.5 per cent stake. The terms are 2-for-7 at 85p. The shares were unchanged at 86p.

Gaskell slips

Gaskell, the carpet group, saw pre-tax profits slip £172,000 to £2.3 million after a nearfourfold rise in the interest hill at £626,000. Sales rose 23 per cent to £37.6 million. A final dividend of 5.5p makes a total of 8.3p (7.5p) on earnings of 27.9p (30p).

CUB control

Carlton and United Breweries, an offshoot of Elders IXL, has secured control of Matilda Bay Brewing with 55 per cent. CUB raised its original 55 cents a share offer to 57 cents a share on Wednesday.

Sirdar down

Pre-tax profits at Sirdar, the textiles group, slipped £658,000 to £3.2 million in the six months to end-December on sales of £28 million (£29.5 million). Interim dividend stays at 1.65p on carnings of 3.5?p (4.45p).

Plan approved

Courtaulds' plan to demerge its textiles operations won meeting, it will become effective when dealings in the new shares begin on Monday.

Minorco payout Minorco, the Luxembourg-based investment group, is raising its interim dividend for the six months ended December by 14.3 per cent to 16 US cents a share, payable May Minorco says this follows the increase in carnings from operations and is io line with its objective of increasing returns to shareholders, Earnings from operations for the half year rose from \$82.7

million to \$98.9 orillion.

Pre-tex profits at Hornby Scalextric, Hornby Railways and Thomas the Tank.

Group, the toys and model railways group, steamed ahead by 44 per cent to £3.47 million in the year to end-December (Philip Pangalos

The group saw a 37 per cent advance in turnover to £32 million, boosted by a strong

Railways brands are market leaders and account for 70 per cent of the group's sales. Earnings per share rose by 55 per cent to 28.3p and the

final dividend is improved by 43 per cent to 7.5p.

sports boat business, which has more than a third of its business overseas, added £4.4 million to group turnover, with profits in excess of £350,000.

remained very buoyant despite

Acquisition of the Fletcher

the general uncertainty."

Hornby had a £2.23 million extraordinary credit after a favourable decision on a tax million, boosted by a strong performance from all its major chairman, said: "Demand for appeal relating to the acbrauds, which include all of the group's products quisition of Hornby Hobbies.

Major move into Number 10

ister's current favourite to succeed her. On Tuesday, he presents his first Budget, on television, in colour and in the knowledge that if his strategy is wroog her chances of winning the next election and his of moving into Number 10 will be vanishingly small.

In a pre-election coup to remove the Prime Minister the alternative would be an established figure, like Sir Geoffrey Howe. In defeat, the Conservauve Party would turn to a different style of standard bearer, or mace waver, like Michael Heseltine.

The City is eager to give the Chancellor a fair wind. Sterling has recently taken a sharp knock, mainly because the storming of town halls is not seen abroad as a vote of confidence in the Mrs Thatcher whom foreign capitalists love and admire. Nor is it. On the other hand, the equity market, which reflects the attitudes of people with votes here, may not be strong hut it betrays no signs of panie in the face of Labour's 20 per cent lead in the polls and the immediate prospect of the Tories going down in next week's Mid-Staffordshire hy-election.

The battle may be lost but the war is far from over, a view I am sure Mr Kinnock at his most sanguine shares. With an election not later than June 1992, Mr Major can reasonably count on two Budgets, next week's and another in March 1991. The first will lay the groundwork for the second.

In essence, he has to be tough enough this year to keep interest rates from rising above 15 per cent. If he succeeds, base rates should start coming down before the end of the year, taking mortgage rates down with them. The relationship between movements in mortgage rates and Conservative electoral ratings - the latter rising when the former fall - is remarkably close.

In his 1991 Budget, as Christopher Johnson, chief economic adviser at Lloyds Bank has calculated, the Chancellor could be in a position to take 2p off income tax, to within contemplating distance of a 20p lower rate. This would belp to concentrate and perhaps refocus voters' minds. It might also, of course, drive the opposition parties into a voting pact in a final attempt to overturn the Government. That is next year's speculation.

Tuesday's question is: how tough is tough? The only really tough Budget during Mrs Thatcher's first decade was Sir Geoffrey Howe's 1981 Budget. In the middle of a recession that mildmannered, courageous man raised taxes by a net £4.25 billion and provoked the famous letter to The Times in which 364 economists forecast the end of the world. Had they forecast the longest post-1945 spell of sustained economic growth, coupled with low inflation, they would have been right. For Mr Major to emulate Sir Geoffrey's performance he would



need to raise taxes by an estimated £9

Budget predictions are notoriously unreliable but I would stake all against his going to such lengths on Tuesday. Although the signals are ambiguous, the regime of high interest rates is slowing the economy and does not need reinforcing with heavy increases in income tax - even if the Cabinet had the stomach for them. Most Tory backbenchers would argue that raising taxes by dropping the rating system for the Community Charge is enough for опе уеаг.

For the Budget to be nentral, the Chancellor needs to raise up to £3 hillion to offset costs to the Exchequer of introducing separate taxation for married couples and the first full-year of his predecessor's restructuring of National Insurance contributions. Neutrality alone is not enough. A net increase in income taxes of at least £1 billion is needed to sustain the markets' belief in the Government's resolve to hold sterling and bring down inflation.

There are two racing certainties, both affecting those on higher incomes and thus in keeping with the current belief in equality of misery. Nigel Lawson rang the knell of the company car in his 1988 Budget by pointing out that is was taxed on only a quarter of its value. In two Budgets, scale charges have doubled and logic and politics suggest that next week they should go up another 50 per cent to bring them into line with the value of the car. If Mr Major does go the whole way the average tax paid on this particular perk, enjoyed by 1.6 million company car owners, would rise from £500 to £750. The company car would live on as long as it did not also attract National Insurance contri-

his exemption is part of the case for raising the upper earnings limit for employees' NICs. Abandoning the limit altogether as was done for employers' NICs in 1985 would be harsh. An increase of 10 per cent above next year's indexed level would take the limit to £20,000 - not an unfair figure if Mr Major also resorts to the device of raising income tax by not indexing tax allowances. This was last done in the 1981 Budget. It would cost basic rate taxpayers £54 and married couples another £30. It is regressive: it hits the less well off harder than the better off and may not happen if the political opprobrium is deemed not worth the extra revenue. Where else the Chancellor would have uncovered £1.4 billion I cannot imagine.

Tax increases (relative to an indexed

base) from not indexing income tax allowances, putting up company car scales by 50 per cent and raising the NIC upper earnings limit by 10 per cent would bring in an additional £2.6 billion. This would pay for some tax cuts and in Christopher Johnson's calculations, leave the Chancellor with extra revenue of £1.2 billion, which is shout the middle of most forcesters. about the middle of most forecasters' range. The main tax cuts are independent taxation of busbands and wives (£500 million) and, almost certainly, non-revalorizing of excise duties except petrol (£850 million), to keep the impact on the retail price index down to 0.1 per cent. Another £50 million will be "given away" by not taxing nurseries at factories and offices as a fringe benefit.

So far we are looking at a boring Budget — and I have not even mentioned monetary policy, MO, me-dium term financial strategy, funding or the exchange rate mechanism of the European Monetary System!

r Major cannot afford to colour his Budget grey unless he too is already thinking of spending more time with his family, which I am certain he is not. He needs to address the issue of personal savings, or rather the lack of them. The City and the Wider Share Ownership Council would hless him if he would abolish stamp duty on share transaction and sanctify him if he scrapped capital gains tax. Neither is likely. Nor do I think he will untie CGT rates from income tax rates, coupled by the udy-minded Nigel Lawson, and cut, by much or a little, the CGT rate. He might, indeed should, extend roll-over relief to per-sonal investors in shares, putting them in the same position as managers of unit and investment trusts and personal equity plans.

If Mr Major seriously wants to get away to a flying start as a tax-reforming, savings enthusiast he should take on board Professor Mervyn King's tax-free retirement account scheme. Professor King, of the London School of Economics and a recent recruit to the Court of the Bank of England, has a great instinct for what is right and simple in tax systems. With a TRA anyone could save up to £2,500 a year, where it would either garner interest or it would be invested in securities on the saver's behalf. The money would have to remain invested until the age of 60 when it could be withdrawn without any tax liability at all. Professor King has estimated that private savings through such a scheme would be £5 billion at a cost to the Treasury of £160 million.

The Chancellor has shown little enthusiasm so far. Perhaps the Prime Minister has had a word with him. I hope so. TRAs or something like them would make a compelling centrepiece, raise the party spirit, and address the

Tozer makes agreed bid | UK groups | RMC cuts Dredging stake for Lada cars importer

By Jeremy Andrews

Tozer Kemsley & Millbourn, the cardealer in which Sir Ron Brierley has a 74 per cent holding, is offering £100 mil-lion in cash for Western acceptances for 28.4 per cent Motor Holdings, the importer of the equity. of Soviet Lada cars.

Despite Western's warning that the downturn in car sales in the second half was more severe than expected, Mr Reg Heath, TKM's chief executive, is philosophical about the timing of the hid. He said: "You've got to buy at some

TKM is offering 789p in cash, or loan notes, for each Western share, nearly three and a half times the price at which the present manage-

being recommended by West-em's board and TKM has

93p to 768p on the news - saved. more than 200p higher than TKN on Wednesday before talk of an offer began to circulate. Despite the slowdown, Western's turnover rose by 21 per

cent to £302 million in 1989 and its pre-tax profits were 23 per cent up at £12.4 million.

However, it raised £12.5 million in a rights issue in April and fully diluted earnings per share were only 4 per cent higher at 70.7p in 1989. ment bought in to the com- Although the offer is pitched

Mannesmann will pick up

opportunity arises, and TI's

shares rose by 10p to 460p on

In view of the good co-

board had agreed to Mannes-

pany with institutional back- at 11 times earnings, coming in March, 1987. The bid is pared with TKM's current multiple of 8, Mr Heath does not expect any earnings dilution. The overheads of being a public company, which he put at f1 million a year, would be Western's shares jumped

> TKM is offering cash because its rating was too low for its paper to be used in

One of Western's main attractions for TKM is its half share in the import concession for Proton cars, which are essentially Mitsubishi vehicles made in Malaysia. The merged group will derive two thirds of its profits from import concessions and only a third from car dealerships.

Mannesmann to raise holding in TI Group

the news.

By Our City Staff

Mannesmann, the West Ger- blessed by TT's shareholders. man gas pipe and machinery However, it was not necessary manufacturer, is to raise its to repeat the exercise and TI stake in Ti Group from 5 per has no need to raise further cent to 9.9 per cent by buying shares in the market.

Mannesmann made its inirial investment last September, when TI issued £41 million worth of new shares 10 it at 525p, an 11 per cent premium to the then market

TI said that when Mannesmann first asked its agreement to take a stake, both parties mann's request to raise its had wanted the move to be stake.

Tunnel group gives Seeboard £2m contract

By Our City Staff

truction consortium huilding the Channel tunnel, has awarded a £2 million contract 10 Seeboard, the electricity stock in the market as the distribution company awaiting privatization this autumn, to provide and install the distribution network that will power the Folkesione end of the tunnel.

operation between the two companies since their strategic alliance was formed. TI's

Transmanche-Link, the cons-

Seeboard will work in conjunction with the international division of the Electricity Supply Board of

hit by fall By Colin Campbell in Japanese RMC Group - which had long been thought to be about the market will be bought back has undertaken to back the by the company at 130p. At the same time, RMC is to

warrants

By Neil Bennett British institutions have lost up to \$60 million in Japanese equity warrant trading since the start of the year, according to market estimates, due to the 16 per cent fall in the Nikkei index.

Prices of Japanese equity warrants, one of the most profitable securities to trade in last year, have lost an average 35 per cent of their value since December while demand from institutions has dried up.

This has left the six British

houses which make a market in them, Baring Securities, Barciays de Zoete Wedd, Robert Fleming, Kleinwort Benson, Warburg Securities and Cresvale, with estimated losses on their trading books of up to \$5 million in January and possibly more in February. Dealers reported that one house lost \$8 million in the last week of February alone.

Japanese equity warrants provide the right to huy shares in a company at a fixed price. They are issued with bonds but immediately traded separately, with their prices ex-pressed as a percentage of \$5,000.

The market has grown exponentially since its foundation in 1984 and is today worth 557 hillion. Since December, however, the average warrant price has fallen from 37 per cent to 24 per cent, and new issue activity has declined dramatically. Last year the market offered almost guaranteed profits for the institutions.

The new issue market was also booming as warrants consistently traded at a premium to their 17 per cent issue price. While the Japanese securities houses led most issues, the Gaijin, or foreign institutions, were allowed to eo-manage them. London is the global centre for all 13 Japanese warrant market-makers.

It is illegal to hold a short position in Japan, making it almost impossible for a warrant market maker to hedge against a sharp price fall.

Losses will inevitably hit merchant banking profits this year. Profits on equity warrant trading were a major factor in the 154 per cent pre-tax profit rise to £65.9 million Barings reported for 1989 on Monday.

to make a bid for British Dredging, is instead to reduce its stake in the company. The holding will be cut from

24.08 per cent to 8.9 per cent and RMC will offer 2.65 million of its 4.2 million shares on a one-for-five pro-rata basis to British Dredging shareholders at 135p each.

The British Dredging shares which are not taken up by its shareholders and not sold in

buy a 46.75 per cent stake in the group's British Dredging Aggregates subsidiary for £3.6 transactions between the two, pective sea-dredged aggregates value of 158p (89.6p) a share businesses in the Bristol Chan-as at December 31.

proposals, which need share-

holders' approval. M&G Investment Management, controlling 19.6 per cent of BD, has also indicated its million which, after other acceptance. BD reports pretax profits of £4 million (£3.08 will give birth to a joint million), and following a propventure involving their res- crty revaluation a net asset

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New chairman reports big reduction in borrowings EHP sells Singer franchise to Canada

By Melinda Wittstock European Home Products, the Scholl footwear and personal care business which was granted shareholders' apphoval last December to sell us Singer
arming machine franchise, has now gone
about with the £47 million deal.

It has sold its sewing and consumer rables businesses to International Tech Microelectronics Inc. a Tomin-registered manufacturer of companels, consumer electronics and Singer machines which is run by Hong

Kong Chinese.

International Semi-Tech already owns

solution machine manufacturing and distribution opera-

The disposal, which resulted in the esignation last month of Mr Doug Ash. executive, came as a result of worsening company debt, said the deal would trading conditions in southern Europe and soaring borrowings.

EHP was forced by its bankers to sell the Singer franchise as well as Ivarte, its Spanish business, and concessions in the Spanish Galerias department stores to avoid breach of a financial covenant governing the proportion of borrowings to pre-tax profits.

A syndicate of banks had advised it that a refusal to go ahead with the disposal would mean re-negotiation of the terms of its bank facilities, which, EHP said, would have had serious consequences for the future of its business, including the ability to pay dividends. EHP, which has already

the chairman and chief executive, and received £18.4 million cash, plus another Mr Leslie Dingle, the deputy chief £11.2 million by settlement of interstrengthen its balance sheet. Mr Neil Franchino, the new chairman

and chief executive, said borrowings had been cut from £67 million to £23 million as International Semi-Tech had taken on £26 million of borrowings with the Sioger franchises acquired in 12 European countries. He said the Scholl husiness was having

an "excellent year." A deferred consideration of £13 million is payable six months after the completion of the deal, with another £4.4 million payable on the finalization of the

net tangible assets of the sewing and consumer durables business as at the end

STOCK MARKET

Amstrad shares rally

WALL STREET

New York (Reuter) - The Dow Jones industrial average climbed 16 points to 2,711.12

in early trading. A surge in bond prices and buying linked to futures and options expirations combined to lift prices. Bonds were buoyed by a weaker-than-expected rise of 0.6 per cent in February's industrial production. Capacity usage was 82.3 per cent and

changed, as expected. Housing starts last month fell 7 per cent to 1.477 million.

 Johannesburg — The mar-ket ended mixed to firmer after Thursday's gains as the bull-ish sentiment, started by Wednesday's favourable bud-get, remained intact. The over-all share index advanced slightly to 3,339.

Sugar's consumer electronics group, staged a rally in the belief that its long-awaited recovery may be on the way. The shares rose 5p to 61p. Amstrad's fortunes have been in steep decline, beset by stock levels and the downturn in consumer spending. Pre-tax last year to £77 million and, according to analysts, the best it can expect this year is £40 James Capel, the broker,

recently took a number of its clients on a visit to the group and was followed by Kleinwort Benson on Thursday, BZW will pay a visit next Kleinwort took about 20

institutions to see Mr Sugar, who was in a confident mood. He plans to launch one product a month between next month and December, including an all-in-one "environ-mentally friendly" satellite equipment.

Kleinwort is still predicting

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figures on Tuesday week. Kleinwort is still forecasting firm note, helped by the recovery in sterling. But mar-ket-makers felt the squeeze profits of £55 million for the year just ended but has revised with the appearance of a few its estimate for the current year from £50 million to £40 buyers for selective stock at low levels. As they were unwilling to take fresh positmillion. It biames the downions ahead of Tuesday's Budget, they were forced to mark prices sharply higher. Turn-over remained low with 380

BTR, the industrial

conglomerate, rose 18p to 435p after announcing a \$1.64 billion cash bid for Norton, the US plastics and ceramics manufacturer. BTR is offering \$75 a share for the group which is based in Massache setts and needs acceptances from two-thirds of shareholdbefore unconditional.

Western Motor, the Jaguar, BMW and Lada car distributor, leapt 93p to 768p follow-

on hopes of recovery & Milibourn, controlled by the New Zealand businessman Sir Ron Brierley. Tozer is offering 789p a share in cash. Western's share price started the week at 525p. Yesterday, it reported pre-tax profits up from £10 million to £12.4

million despite a sharp downturn in sales in the second half. Western was the subject of an abortive management buyout in the autumn BAT Industries continued

to benefit from proposals to float off its Argos retailing side and the management buyout of Saks Fifth Avenue with a rise of 19p to 824p. Shareholders are to receive one share in Argos for every five they already own in BAT. The deal is expected to value Argos at about £650 million. Giaxo climbed 24p to 775p.

still responding to this week's profits news. Some brokers have been urging clients to switch from SmithKline Beecham, which unveiled disappointing interim figures this week, and into Glaxo, or Fisons, up 4p at 331p. But Mr Ian Moore, a pharmaceutical analysts at UBS Phillips & Drew, is urging clients to stick with SmithKline Beecham, down 4p at 488p, which he

Michael Clark

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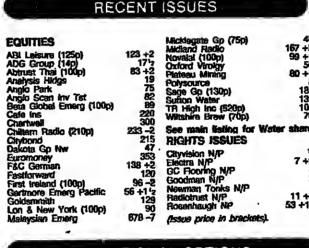
million shares traded by 4 pm. The FT-SE 100 index rose dish which will have decoding 27.6 to 2.262.5 while the FT index of top 30 shares advanced 22.7 to 1,788.4 profits of £70 million for 1991 Government securities also but expects this to rise to near benefited from the firmer £80 million before long, with pound, ending with gains of Mr Sugar talking about an improvement in margins of 5 percentage points to 15 per cent.

The rest of the equity market ended the week on a Markey, the tiles and DIY group, fell 7p to 128p following a downgrading of profits by Kleinwort Benson ahead of **WORLD MARKETS** Sellers overwhelm buyers in Tokyo Tokyo (Renter) - The Nikkei dex gained 10.33 to 1,889.69. index dipped 55.20 points, or Shares closed mixed in quiet 0.17 per cent, to 32,616.44. Prices closed easier in modest dealings as selling overwhelmed periodic buying by investment trusts and other investors. Turnover was about 500 million shares against

trading as investors remained cautious ahead of the East German elections on Sunday. • Sydney - The All-Ordinaries index finished 11.8 higher at 1,584.5. Renewed interest in top industrial stocks and short-covering ● Hong Kong — The Hang after this week's dip lifted the market to a stronger close.

2.886.46. The broader-based ● Singapore — The Straits Thursday's 470 million.

Hong Kong index fell 4.25 to Times industrial index inched 1,897.09. Prices closed softer up 1.95 to 1,570.99. The in see-saw trading on a wide- market closed on a mixed note spread belief that interest rates on a reduced volume after selective buying alternated • Frankfurt -- The DAX in- with profit-taking.



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Peckham joins the ranks of dead societies

The Peckham Building Society which specializes in offering a high return on small sums in instant access accounts is the latest to announce it is to be swallowed up by a larger society. If the merger with the Cheltenham & Gloucester goes ahead at the end of June and other mergers already announced proceed, the number of societies will fall below 100 (Lindsay Cook writes).

The pace of mergers has accelerated and this week Phillips & Drew, the broker, predicted that many more smaller societies will be looking for partners as a result of independent taxation. Money is already being withdrawn from soci-

eties which cannot pay interest gross and accounts with instant access are the most vulnerable.

With assets of £68 million, the Peckham will report disappointing results for 1989 later this month showing that its mortgage assets had fallen during 1989 and that profits had increased by just £10,000 during the year from £407,000 to £417,000. It had been badly hit by the collapse of the housing market in London and the South-east.

Mr Nigel Guest, chief executive of the four-branch society, said: "That's why we had to call it a day." He said the Peckham would have found difficulty meeting the new

that we would not be able to do the things we wanted to and would have withcred or died."

In common with other small societies the Peckham had been barred from offering fixed-rate mortgages, which have been a popular feature of the slower mortgage market as higher interest rates have

The Peckham, like other societies, have found there is little demand for standard variable-rate mortgages. It has therefore developed loans "for people who have clearly got other debts or had repayment difficulties

to 1.5 per cent more than the standard rate, which meant it was to some extent a lender of lost resort taking on loans that other institutions would not. Recently it had introduced deferred interest loans.

The Building Societies Commission has expressed concern about the number of low-start, deferred interest and riskier loans being offered by societies. Mr Guest said that only a small number of their loans involved deferred interest.

He said Golden Harvest, the society's other main mortgage prodnct, had been hit by the housing

capital adequacy requirements for in the past,"said Mr Guest. The market. A home income plan, it societies. This would have meant Freshstart mortgages cost 1 per cent relies on house values increasing

Investors with the society will receive an 0.75 per cent bonus when the merger takes places and their savings will be transferred to the C&G.Gold or postal account.

The Peckham is fortunate that it had something the Cheltenham & Gloucester Building Society wants — a branch in Redhill, Surrey. A spokesman for C&G said it had been trying to obtain a branch there for time and plans to expand by 10 some time and plans to expand by 10 or 11 branches within the M25 this year. She added: We are aware of their arrears situation and feel the position is recoverable."

SIB set to act over warrants

The Securities and Invest-ments Board is expected to call for tighter restrictions on advertising of warrant funds on Monday, after a review of the regulation of such funds and other investments in Britain (Jon Ashworth writes).

The move, which follows widespread advertising of Japanese equity warrant funds in particular, may lead to the introduction of additional risk warnings stressing volatility.

Concern over the high gearing of warrants, along with other investments like futures and traded options, has encouraged regulators to restrict investment by British funds.

The debate over risk warnings on warrant funds was sparked again this week, after advertising by Nomura International of a new \$100 million warrant fund.

An advertisement in several daily newspapers promised investors "More of the re-wards" for "Less of the risks." It went on in smaller print: "Following the recent adverse movements in Japanese Warrants market, certain investors believe that this period may prove to be a rare investment opportunity. Others, however, are understandably reluctant to enter a market which, due to its highly-geared nature, is also highly risky.

"To enable these investors to participate in the potential rewards, this Nomura Fund has been established with a commitment to reducing the risk of warrant investment." A spokesman for Nomura said the fund is intended for institutions rather than private individuals. It had been decided to advertise in the national press to help promote Nomura's name in Britain.

But a source close to the company admitted that the advertisement had been prepared by a new advertising agency which had little experience of City regulations. It is unlikely that the agency will

Bank steps in over gross account move

Bristol broker to pay interest Managers and Brokers Regulatory Association.

It was feared that there for less than a year. would be a series of such accounts launched by investment salesmen to get round a loophole in the Banking Act. This could have opened the

way to a series of unofficial banks being set up by firms authorized under the Financial Services Act to win deposits from banks and building societies which are barred from paying interest gross.

Whitechurch Securities launched the 350 Account paying 15.1 per cent in preparation for independent taxation, which will create millions more non-taxpayers who will want to earn interest without tax being deducted and may fear putting their savings offshore. The account consulted Fimbra, his regu- Isle of Man accounts.

Banking Act which allows gross was withdrawn yes- brokers, financial advisers, terday after intervention from accountants and solicitors to the Bank of England and the receive gross interest on behalf Financial Intermediaries of their clients and pass on the full amount. It is intended for holding money between investments and must invested

> Under the Banking Act an account where the prime purpose is to hold cash must be licensed by the Bank of England. It is up to a financial firm's regulator under the Financial Services Act to decide whether accounts op-erated by brokers fall within the exemption and can therefore pay interest gross.

Any firm taking deposits without the agreement of its regulator would be in breach of the Banking Act.

Mr Kean Seager, managing director of Whitechurch, said that before he launched the account, which had attracted £300,000 in three weeks, he Building Society's gross-paid

An account launched by a relied on an exemption to the lator, and was told in January that he could go ahead.

After receiving a letter from the Bank on Thursday saying it regarded his account as a "deposit-taking exercise," he consulted Fimbra again and was told the account did not after all meet the exemption test under the Banking Act. Fimbra was unwilling to comment on the matter.

Mr Seager said:"If they had voiced concern in January I would not have gone ahead. I am sure we could fight our coroer in a court of law but it is obvious the anthorities are less than happy with this loophole so I have decided not to go ahead. I understand they are concerned that less reputable companies could exploit this new account and in the wake of Garston Amhurst who can hlame them?"

Investors will be told of its closure and advised to invest in the Bradford & Bingley



Called to account: shareholders question Peter Thornton, Lockton's chairman, and his board

Lockton liquidation likely

By Jon Ashworth and Philip Pangalos

Angry shareholders in Lock-ton Shops, the hi-fi and video breached BES regulations by traded under the names Wires vesterday. There were also Peter Dunn, the receiver, who was not present.

shareholders in less than a week, after the decision to call in the receivers on March 8. had been breached. Land and Mr Dunn hopes to recover up to £2.5 million from the sale of assets, including a £1.1 million property in Brentwood, Essex. The company is expected to be placed in voluntary liquidation in the next two weeks.

retailer which went into rec-eivership last week, sought a erty. BES companies are not full discussion of its affairs at a allowed to invest more than heated meeting in London 50 per cent of their net assets in land or property during the calls for the formation of a first three years of trading. If committee to liaise with Mr they do, the BES status may fall away, leaving shareholders with the prospect of losing the It was the second meeting of tax relief on their investments. A BES specialist said this

week it was unlikely the limit property is valued at cost when purchased, and any rise in value later will not necessarily breach requirements.

Lockton Shops raised more than £9 million from 1,400 investors when it was Shareholders are worried launched under the Business Mahon was not responsible.

and Auditions, hoping to com-pete with chains like Dixons and Lasky's, but has seen the value of stock and property plunge since then. It is thought to have been losing up to £5,000 a day in recent months. Guinness Mahon, which

sponsored Lockton Shops and advised on property purchases, has been heavily criticized for its role in the affair. Mr Patrick Moorsom, Guinness Mahon's vice-chairman, blamed Lockton's troubles on "horrendous" trading conditions.

He said he had been fully aware of the problems at Lockton Shops, but Guinness



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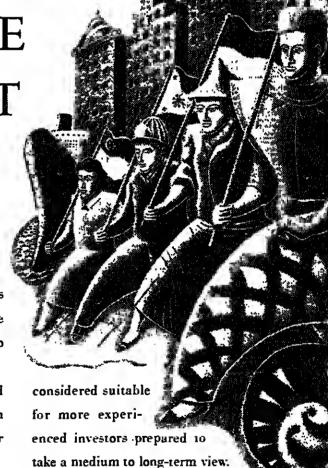
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shares instantly are to be opened to all investors (writes Lindsay Cook). The system currently only allows customers of the bank to deal in 250 alpha and beta

shares and to instantly receive a contract note will be extended to outsiders later this year. Mr Neil Stapley, the managing director of Natwest stockbrokers, said this week.

The screens have been extended to allcomers for privatizations and the Abbey National flotation last summer but they are currently averaging just 1.5 deals a day per

NatWest, which is sponsor-

ing the CBI wider share ownership task force, is looking at ways of it can deepen share ownership. "We want to extend the service to non-



Thin trade: Neil Stapley, of NatWest Stockbrokers, checks a dealing screen with an assistant on the terminal, they will four months after the Abbey erable time. The minimum fee receive a stock transfer form to National flotation there were

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The new scheme sets out to do this. But it only becomes worthwhile for people who can afford to pay at least £250 a month, or £15,000 as a hump sum, towards retirement. "We expect this to appeal to Howorth: stressing self-help

By Jon Ashworth

Why take out a personal wealthy professionals earning nate whoever you want to pension through a well-known over £20,000 a year as well as manage the mouey," said Mr to partnerships," said Mr .Howorth, "This way, you can Duncan Howorth, managing buy the funds of a life comdirector of Guiness Mahon's pany you like without the Personal Pension

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Poll tax to hit council pensions

By Barbara Ellis A new yearbook has spotlighted a little-known area of

local authority finance shortly to be shaken by the poll tax.

A survey of the 96 local
authority funds by Pension & Investment Research Consultants found councillors illequipped to make investment decisions and often leave the task to professional advisers.

The same few City names advise on or manage money for councils as far apart as Conservative Bexley and Labour Islington.

Performance is about to become much more important to these funds.

The Government does not want authorities to pay for mandatory pension increases in line with inflation out of the poll tax as they did out of the rales, but to fund them from investment income. At the same time it wants funding requirements relaxed.

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Dawn of independence

Barbara Ellis says the idea of cutting tax bills by moving

savings offshore has both benefits

and a few pitfalls Tax avoidance is a favourite

British sport, but public eagerness to benefit from next month's change to indepen-dent taxation has amazed the financial services world and the Inland Revenue.

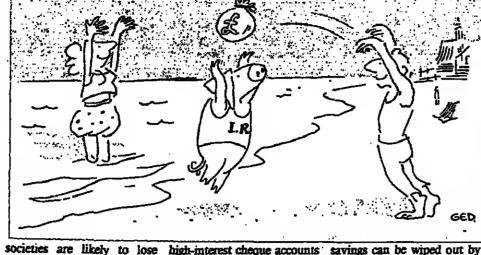
Building Societies, how-ever, are distraught because the change has highlighted an anomaly in the present system. They fear it will cost them up to one-third of their annual deposits unless they are allowed to pay interest gross to non-taxpayers.

In the last year, the Revenue has given away 8 million leaflets explaining the re-formed system of taxing married couples. But it can hardly address the real questinn nn most people's minds: how in exploit the system safely.

Independent taxation opens in tax-saving opportunities because it gives each partner a senarate personal allowance of £2,785 to set against their own income, plus a married coupie's allowance of £1,590 to the husband.

As thousands of women have realized, the £2,785 personal allowance will more than cover their income, so they will have no tax to pay. But if they invest less than £50,000 with a high street bank or building society, they will lose 22 per cent of their interest in composite rate tax which cannot be reclaimed.

Aversion to needless taxraying has caused a stampede into offshore accounts, which pay interest gross, and onshore unit trusts, which de-



societies are likely to lose most. Few can afford to set up subsidiaries in the Isle of Man (like the Bradford & Bingley, the Leeds or the Britannia) or in the Channel Islands (like the Abbey National) to compete with the high street banks already there.

The islands do not welcome small savers, and, behind the scenes, the Bank of England and Revenue give stern warnings against promoting off-shore accounts in Britain, despite the 11-year freedom from exchange controls.

Many women are wary of offshore investment, with good reason. Britain's investor

The Bank and Revenue give stern warnings against promoting offshore accounts in Britain

protectioo laws and compen-satioo fund do not stretch to the offshore islands. However, British banks with subsidiaries established there have all given informal undertakings to see these companies through any trouble.

high-interest cheque accounts provide cash dispenser cards usable onshore. Lloyds pays 12 per cent on sums of more than £5,000 and has no mini-mum cheque limit. Midland pays 12.78 per cent on £10,000 to £50,000 and has a minimum cheque limit of £100, while the Royal Bank nf Scotland pays 12.47 per cent on more than £2,500 and £13.55 per cent on more than

Robert Fleming's Manx high-interest bank account, currently paying 13.25 per cent gross, provides a cheque book for deposits of £2,500 and above and has no cheque limit. But offshore rates of up to 14.48 per cent are available on accounts with seven-day ootice periods.

£10,000 with no cheque limit.

At that level, a woman could have just over £19,200 in an account in produce £2,785. However, tax savings can be eroded by probate costs if an nffshore account bulder dies. On Jersey, money is oot released from a single-name account without local probate, which can cost about £300.

Onshore unit trusts quote their yield gross but pay it net Lloyds, Midland and Royal of 25 per cent tax. Top rates duct reclaimable tax. Building Bank of Scotland's nffshore are about 14.9 per cent, but tax

charges. For example, a

woman would be saving about

£610 in tax by moving £18,690

from a building society to a

cash unit trust, but a 5 per cent

front-end charge plus a 0.5 per

cent management fee would

cost her £1,027. Fidelity,

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full use of these allowances.

Though some brokers will be happy to charge £25 a time

At most, a man paying 40 per cent tax could save about £4,220 by transferring shares

abridged tax return with details of income and allowances. The Revenue will only pay out during the same tax year as the dividend is paid if the total tax due back is more than £50. Claims for smaller amounts have to be made in the following tax year, thrugh small claims can be submitted together to get past the £50 minimum. According the the gifts in the event of a divorce.

come through "within a few

But how quickly the Revenue will be able to handle a greatly increased flow of claims is an open question. A Revenue spokesman said that while independent taxation is expected to need 2,000 extra work units" in its first three years, the additional work had so far been done by existing staff on overtime. Any future gaps will probably be filled by staff displaced as the Revenue computerizes.

filling do not appeal, there is always the Gateshead Co-op, which like other co-operative retail societies can pay interest gross onshore. Gateshead's present rate is 15 per cent.

A couple acting together can egitimately shuffle nwnership income-producing assets between them so as to make

for transferring shares be-tween husband and wife, a couple can make their own transfer for about 60p - 40p for a stock transfer form available from law stationers and 20p postage to the registrar of the company con-

to his wife if she had nn other income. But he would need to hand over shares paying total dividends of nearly £23,500.

The main snag with such transfers is that they must be absolute and unconditional. Trying to give a partner just the dividends while keeping control of the shares would result in a higher tax bill, as the Revenue would treat the mnney as belinging to the giver. Also it would be extremely difficult to argue for the return of unconditional

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Worst hit have been card and cheque-based accounts, which in many cases have increased only slightly nr - ther. Natioowide Anglia, for like Norwich & Peterbor-example, has increased its

Bad news for mortgage payers ough's Cash Counter Gold - Platinum Bond by only 0.15 not at all per cent to 12 per cent. As it carries a 5 per cent premium, Smaller savers, too, take a knock. Lower bands of "tiered the ordinary share rate could interest" accounts also have not be increased more than

iocreased by less than 0.75 per half a point, to 7 per cent. Mortgage rates increases — cent in many cases, and some Rather than apply a flat which are quoted before tax ordinary share accounts have increase across the board, not good up at all. societies have concentrated their fire power on specific Ordinary share rates can accounts, and even tiers of have an effect oo larger savers, accounts. too. The rates nn many high

Some have received inioterest accounts are guarcreases of one per cent or more anteed to ride at least a certain - but many of those selected amount over the society's for this treatment were paying Keep the ordinary share rate

low rates anyway. Overall, the best you can down, and you do oot have to hope for is an increase of 0.75 increase your guaranteed preper cent in the highest paying mium accounts by much eiaccounts. But there are just a few better increases worth

noting. Portsmnuth's Capital Account has increased by I per cent, and Melton Mowbray's Melton Bond by a massive 1.55 per cent, to the top

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drawn from the account to subsidize the mortgage each month keeping costs down in the second cos Bank cash machines following a link-up between the two banks. Similar links with Barclays and the Bank of

Scotland mean cardholders have access to over 4,000 machines in Britain. There is a 1.5 per cent handling charge for cash advances. Finding a way through the

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BNP's package provides for tween English and French advice from accountants Moore Stephens, but this is homebuying are usefully outlined by Capital Home Loans,

CHL will be making loans Générale and Credit Foncier. of at least £25,000 or Fr advice from solicitors Da five to 25 years, at an interest Pinna Scorers & John Venn rate of 0.75 per cent above the London Inter Bank Offered

covered will range from 65 per cent, if the loan carries a franc/sterling switching facility and is linked to an endow-Rate during the first year and ment or a pension, to 85 per cent if the mortage is in francs and uses the repayment

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M Pierre Gervasi, the dep-

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BNP will also lend in France on French property, either at a variable rate currently 9.95 per cent or a fixed rate of 11.7 per cent. These are both repayment mortgages and the fixed-rate loan covers only 60 per cent of the Chez nous . . . but take advice before buying that dream French cottage say French banks Fr700,000 (£83,000).

Jon Ashworth looks at some of the schemes chasing £400m

BES issues poised for take-off at the airport

ness Expansion Schemes oo offer, with Heathrow, Gatwick and Stansted the focus of a seasoo which has seen many issoes chasing little mooey.

Taken together, BES issues are seeking more than £400 million in funds. Only £70 millioo has been raised so far, and the chances of raising more than £100 million before the end of the financial year look increasingly slim.

It has become traditional for iovestors to leave their money in the bank until the last minute, and high interest rates make a late rush even more likely this year. Mr John Spiers, editor of

BESt Investment, said subscriptions were 75 per cent down on last year. "I still get the feeling that people are holding back until the end, butit seems unlikely that more than another £100 million will be raised before the season

Mr Spiers said weak economic conditions had made investors more cautious.

The winners so far include Airways Homes, whose chief

attention to Gatwick, where a executive is Mr Simon Tattersfield, and First Stansimilar demand for property is

sted Assured Properties, Analysts say the Gatwick which plan to buy properties region may have more potenoear Loodon's three main tial than Heathrow, and exairports. Airways II, investing pect a good response. First near Heathrow, was over-subscribed by £1.25 millioo Stansted, sponsored by Chan-cery, took in just under £2 million in December, and has when it closed this month. Airways III has turned its launched a new offer to take it up to the £5 million allowable under assured tenancies.

> Stansted Airport is in the middle of an expansion programme which is expected to create more than 9,000 jobs by 1995. The oumber of people working in the area is expected to rise fivefold, fuelling the demand for new housing. Also doing well is Artesian

II, the unsponsored company raising funds to develop property in London, It has raised nearly £3 million — putting it, about 35 per cent ahead of last year's issue. Even Biggin Hill airport is

making an appearance this year, thanks to a company which wants to set up a helicopter charter service. But Mr Peter Robson, who is both chairman and managing director of Natioowide Helicopters, admits he knows more about property than

Natioowide wants to buy at

least one helicopter and use it aerial surveys. It hopes to pay £270,000 for a second-hand Bell Jetranger. The maximum that can be raised is £500,000, leaving little margin for error once launch and running costs have been taken off. Mr Robson said the com-

pany could function "quite satisfactorily" with as little as £300,000 and £100,000 had been pledged so far. The issue closes oo April 7. Another issue, Cask & Tuo

Inns which wants to redevelop public houses, is predicting pre-tax profits of more than £1 million after just three years' trading - something analysts regard as highly optimistic.

Mr Ian Bayliss, the finance director, said the company was able to predict a high level of profits because of low



Winner: Simon Tattersfield running costs. If anything, the projections erred oo the side of caution. "We have tried not forecasts and have taken a realistic view. Our auditors have checked our estimates."

The issue is sponsored by Neill Clerk, the Scottish solicitors, who are also behind one. of the season's more colourful to raise £250,000 to buy a hera of Friesian cows and a crop of potatoes, and pay a farmer to look after them. The farmer, Mr Neil David

son, of Aberdeenshire, has the option to buy back the herd, crop and equipment after five years. The sponsors stress that milk and potatoes are an essential part of many diets.

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Selling shares one day and buying them back the next is one of the traditional tax-saving rituals of spring. But bed and breakfasting deals have lost some of their charm since the Inland Revenue took teps to increase the risks.

The idea makes sense for sions who want to use annual £5,000 capital their annual £5,000 capital piles tax exemption or to record a loss to set against property and the selling itore capital gains. By selling shares near the close of business one day and buying them back the next morning, investoss can set a new base cost for shares or record a loss on paper, hopefully without los-ing the value of their shares. The Inland Revenue insists

that there must be some investment risk in the trans-action. This means its no longer possible to guarantee a price overnight, and investors must run the risk of the market moving against them. Sharelink has special terms for customers wishing to bed and breakfast. A minimum commission of £17.50 is

charged on sale, with only

starap duy to pay on re-purchase. There is a flat fee of Stren deals involving £8,000 Mr David Jones, the chief executive, said demand for the service had been picking up. The difficulty now is that the

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"A couple of years ago, a client recommending clients to sell could buy back shares the next morning knowing the price was set. Today, there is the risk that prices will move

Overnight. Torric & Co, the Edinburgh stockbroker, makes a charge when shares are sold, but only charges stamp duty on the repurchase. Commission stands at 1.8 per cent, with a minimum of £24. Mr John

their shares and buy them back as part of a personal

This way, they can record a gain or a loss for tax purposes while ensuring tax-free growth in the future. The danger is that a few days could go by while shares are sold and repurchased, increasing the risk of price changes.

repurchase price cannot be minimum of £24. Mr John Unit trust investors are in a overnight. That's part of the pre-arranged," said Mr Jones. Torrie, the senior partner, is similar position, since buying risk you take." Unit trust investors are in a

and selling units may be spread over one or two days. The exception is M&G, which is the only unit trust group to have its units listed on the Stock Exchange. This means unitholders can deal through their stockbroker in the same time and reducing the risks.

M&G has an arrangement with Capel-Cure Myers, who charge a minimum commission of £45 on the sale of units. The cost of a bed and breakfast will usually be about 1.5 per cent, including stamp duty and the dealing margin.

M&G investors will normally be asked for their name, address and telephone number, the full name of the M&G fund, and the number and type of units that they wish to bed and breakfast. It is not necessary to send in unit

Fidelity, like other unit trust groups, needs written instructions and signed certificates before it can bed and breakfast for clients. It will not accept instructions sent by facsimile and will return incomplete documentation. Fidelity will not bed and breakfast after

Save & Prosper warned it could take two dealing days to complete the transaction. It sells the units back to clients at a discount of up to 4.5 per cent off the normal 6 per cent bid/offer spread.

Mr Keith Civval, a director of Save & Prosper Securities, said the element of risk was always there. "In the present volatile market, prices could move 2 per cent quite easily

SIB has teeth but not much of a bite

By Lindsay Cook

A guide to complaining published this week by the Securities and Investments Board for the contoners of the 89 firms directly regulated by the board reveals some of the shortcomings of self-

Even if the board feels that a complainant is justified, it appears to hare little muscle. It says: "If SIB agrees that there is substance in your complaint, it will try to help you to achieve a antisfactory resolution and may comment on whether or not any offer of redress made by the firm scems to be reasonable in the circumstances."

However, complainants will not be told thather any disciplinary action is to be ainst a firm as a result of the

Those clients dissatisfied with the result of a SIB investigation have two mouths to apply for their complaint to be referred to an independent panel. It will then be passed on only if the board's

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complaints committee considers this to be appropriate.

After the inquiry is completed a report will be sent to the complainant, the firm and SIB. The booklet says: "Although the content of the report will not be enforceable in the courts, it may be taken into account by SIB in its regulation of the firm concerned. Refusal to comply with recommendations made in reports might ... lend to consideration by SiB as to whether any disciplinary measures should be taken against the firm."

The independent investigator can act

as arbitrator to resolve the complaint. But the merits of the case alone will not bring about such a decision. "It may be that the independent investigator con-cerned may feel that it would be inappropriate for him to act as arbitrator, in view of his previous attempts to bring about a conciliated settlement."

The guide contains a form to save complainants detailing their grievances about banks and building societies in a letter. Customers are told they must first complain to the most senior manager of the firm concerned if they are not happy

with the way they have been treated. Firms must have a proper complaints procedure. Only then can dissatisfied clients complain to the SIB. Those in doubt about how to go ahead can telephone the complaints unit of the board on 01 283 2474.

Copies of Investment Businesses Regu-To Complain are available free from the SIB, 3 Royal Exchange Buildings, London, EC3V 3NL.

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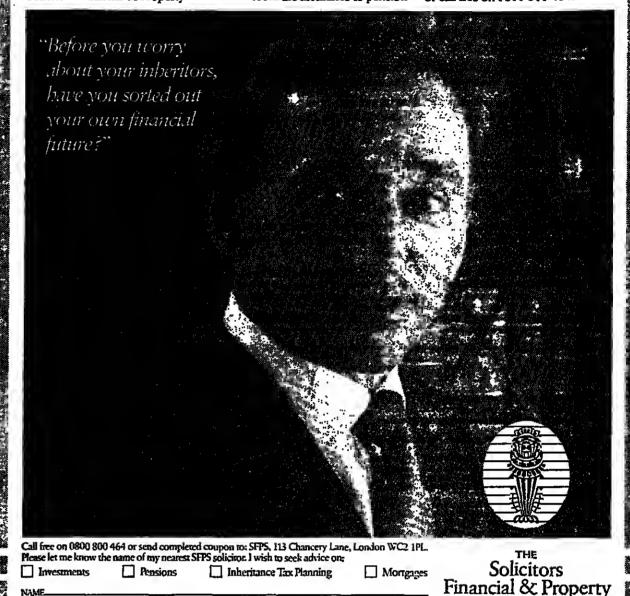
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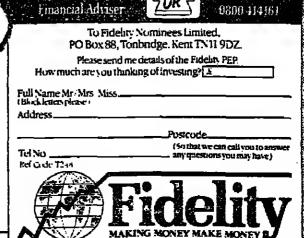
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leaving a group

pension plan and

trying to keep a personal scheme

Personal pensions are sup-posed to be portable. That was one of the primary aims of Sir Norman Fowler when, as Social Security Secretary, he introduced them in July 1988. Although the law governing personal peosioos has changed several times since, the principal of portability has

However, some employees are finding that moving a pension from job to job or from employment to selfemployment can prove difficult and costly.

The biggest providers of personal pensions are insurance companies. Between them they have sold an esti-mated 4 million personal pensioos since they were launched. So successful have they been that some of the insurance companies have become victims of their own on their own.

A problem which has recently come to light involves employees leaving group per-

Matter of principle: Sir Norman Fowler, who first introduced the idea of portable per sonal pension schemes but

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wanting to continue their pension plan. Although these cause only administration problems, they are, oevertheless, serious.
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regardless of the time at which they are collected. tions are stopped within the If the policyholder does not pay the lump sum when it is requested, Standard Life is first two years, it will lapse without any value. Since personal pensions have been available for only 18 months, making a special concession and will not lapse policies, they will all fall into this which would mean contribucategory. Standard Life has agreed to tions from both employer and employee would be lost. Inmake concessions in these cases. According to the constead, it will remain in force tract details, the policyholder with a gap in its contribution

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faced similar problems and have offered to issue a new ployee leaving a group

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Although this appears an ideal solution, it may not be.
One of the benefits of a personal pension is that part of the proceeds can be taken as of the proceeds can be taken as a tax-free cash lump sum. Any policy taken out before July 1989 was able to calculate this sum as 25 per cent of the total fund built up, including that built up from Government

handouts. Since July 1989, Government money can no longer be used in the calculation. Anyone taking out a policy after July would be caught by the new rules. This means that any policy issued in substitute for another may be caught.

The difference in the cash lump sum can be considerable - reducing it by anything up to half.

If you are one of those affected, be wary of opting for a substitute policy or you might lose cash benefits. Continue to save the contributions is able to collect them, otherwise you might find that all the money paid in by yourself and your former employer is lost forever. The author is editor of Money

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Revenue shines on Jersey's tax-free funds

Millions of poemds are likely profits option lends great to pour into Jersey due to a new set of rules which allow working abroad. But British nationals who return home have yet to learn whether they will be able to bring the cash with them tax-free.

The rules, approved in January, allow foreigners or expatriates living outside Brit-ain, the Channel Islands or Isle of Man to save for pension restrictions.

In sharp contrast to British rules, benefits can be taken as 100 per cent cash at any age between 20 and 75 without deduction of British or Jersey tax. British personal pensions can only pay out up to 25 per

from the age of 50. Nerwich Union and Clerical Medical have launched plans, while Royal Life, Prodential and General Accident are likely to follow soon. Unlike of residence, whether Britain previous plans, the Jersey or elsewhere.
pensions allow investment in Whether the the first time, alongside (ditional unit-linked funds. side tra-

This is by far the most significant development," said per cent of contributions to be Mr Murray Montgomery, a invested. This varies accorddirector of Shepherd & Co, a ing to how much is invested Jersey broker. "The with- and for how long.

stability to investors." January 1987, but had taken three years to come into force. new vista for expatriates and foreign nationals.

Norwich Union, which ment Plan last mon warning that it is still not clear if expatriates returning to Britain will have to pay capital gains tax on the proceeds. "Our current understanding is that they will not, but we are

attempting to get this charified by the Revenue," said Mr John Green, marketing development manager (pensions). An Inland Revenue spokes-

look at the situation. "It is quite a recent development, he said. Benefits taken as instalments are liable to be taxed in the investor's country Whether the plans succeed

British with-profits funds for may finally rest with the level of charges. In the worst cases, up to a third of premiums may go in charges, leaving only 70

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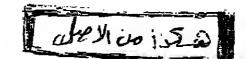
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Mr Richard Eats of GT

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view, writing to 50,000 on-shore and 35,000 offshore

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As a public company, GT was unable to inform unit-

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"We thought they would like to know," he said, "Heav-

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But Thornton Investment

felt under no obligation to tell its 18,000 unitholders of the

takeover by Dresdner Bank in May 1988. "Hopefully there was

enough in the press to let them know," said Ms Thomasina

Banks, the marketing man-

However, she added that Thornton had run a number of promotional roadshows to

let brokers know what the

situation was and how delight-

ed Thornton was.

early last year.

holders

as partially informed as Gart-

more's will be.

No news really is no Framlington Peps close with little news as Indosuez acquires Gartmore

Barbara Ellis on the sound of silence around the purchase of fund manager

It is more than a week since Banque Indosuez bought the Gartmore fund management group. But at least another month will go by before Garmore's 100,000 unit trust holders hear of this direct from the group.

Even then, they will not receive separate notice of the £140 million deal, news of which is to be incorporated in a unitholder magazine.

Gartmore is not dragging its feet. Unit trust managers are under no obligation to tell unitholders anything at all about changes of ownership or management policy which may affect them significantly.

And although takeover bids are partly calculated on funds under management or unitholder money, none of the cash inducements on offer actually go to unitholders, who are less fortunate than building society
ers in this respect.
"We would like to produce

quite a precise document other unit trusts to create rather than just a letter about economies of scale. the takeover," said Mr Peter Pearson Lund, the managing director of Gartmore Fund Managers, explaining in the planning would also contain planning would also contain on personal eqinformation on personal eq- no change of management and uity plans and unit trust continuous growth," he said.

> "It will say that the takeover will have no effect on the management of their units, or if anything it will enhance it,"

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However, there will be no reference to plans for Gartmore to buy other groups, though executives of both Indosuez and Gartmore have said publicly that this is the

Mr Bernard Simon-Barboux, executive vice president of Indosuez, has gone on round with an estimate that

UNIT

TRUSTS



Pearson Lund: no effect years has shown that unit trust takeovers often lead to mergers between similar funds within an enlarged group, generally with higher charges for investors as the result.

Gartmore's administrative ca-

pacity is 50 per cent unused

and has forecast takeovers of

Mr Pearson Lund said it

was too early to give news of

development plans: "What

to know, I should have

thought, is that there will be

But experience in recent

unitholders will be interested

If funds are considered too small or too specialized to be profitable for the managers, they can be put into liquidation without any prior warning to unitholders, as happened in 1988 with Dumenil's closure of its Smaller European Companies Growth and Income and Growth trusts.

All unit trust managers involved in takeovers view unitholders as valuable assets. but they disagree on how best



lington unit trust personal equity plans taken out in 1987 and 1988 have been told by the investment group that the peps are being closed down on April 4 and that they can do nothing about it.

If they fail to do anything about the group's proposals by March 30 their investment will be returned to them early next month and will lose the tax shelter benefits of a personal equity plan.

Because of the way the plans the first unit trust-only Peps - were set up, there is only one mit holder. That is Framington Investment Manage ment, which has decided to close the plans.

In the original trust deeds, investors were told the plans could only be wound up when they were worth less than £4 million with the permission of an extraordinary meeting or if investors were given six months notice.

However, Miss Anne invest within the current felderhan, of Framlington, financial year." No mention McMeehan, of Framlington, said the provisions contained in the trust deeds had been superceded by regulations controlling unit trust schemes under the Financial Services

She added: "Under the Act, unitholders have no power at all to approve or sanction the liquidation of a unit trust." One of the investors an-

noyed at the unilateral action by Framlington said he invested because of the extra services promised to planholders in the form of detailed annual reports and annual meetings. These were now to

in newspapers.
"We said there was no On Monday, investors in Framlington 87 and 88 Peps direct effect on them, except being made part of a larger group with access to wider expertise," said Mr Fraher, will get the chance to express



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Meehan said Framlington had

received requests for 3,000 transfers, while 500 plan-holders had chosen to sell now

instead of waiting until April

The letter to investors

stressed the importance of a

response by March 30, stating:

reply by this date, we regre

that we will have no choice

but to send you a cheque for

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cease to be protected from taxation under the Pep regula-

tions," and, "if you do decide

to reinvest the proceeds in a

Pep, then that reinvestment

will count against the maximum you are allowed to

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investors to transfer their

Miss McMeehan said it had

been hoped to amalgamate the

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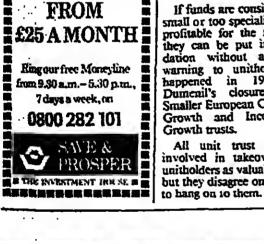
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Early advice is the key to mortgage problems

Helen Pridham

THE TIMES SATURDAY MARCH 17 1990

looks at options

for coping with repayments

The official arrears figures from the Council of Mortgage Lenders show that only a tiny fraction of homebuyers - 0.88 per ceot - are six months or more behind with their pay-

But these statistics dn ont reveal the many thousands who are running up other bills

Many of these families need help now before they get behind with their mortgages. One example is the London couple whn approached Fam-Money, asking how they

The couple, whn have four children, are paying a total nf £1,243.54 a month to service a £65,000 first mortgage and £21,500 second mortgage.
In recent manths they have

could reorganize their fi-

run up a £3,000 bank nverdraft and a £1,500 Access bill. The problem is that such a large part of nur earnings goes nn the mortgages that we haven't got much left besides for other bills" they said.

We have in pay for child care so that we can both go tn work but even paying the child minder is becoming difficult. We feel we are in a vicinus circle and we don't know bow

we are going to manage when

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we have to make increased payments because of the latest mnrtgage increase. They added: "We are serinusly considering whether we should sell up and move into rented accommodation to get

back on our feet again." There are many other options that can be considered before it comes to that particu-



Philip Norman, the mortgage controller of the Portsmnuth Building Society which has set up a free telephone help-line for its borrowers in diffi-

He stresses: "The earlier someone approaches us, the more aptions there are avail-

"If they wait until they are already several months in arrears, the choice is more limited.

"The main nptinns include a temporary reduction in payments, a freeze on payments, extending the term of the mortgage, switching from an endowment to a repayment mortgage or a remortgage if there is sufficient equity in the

property." A remortgage is a way of putting several bills under ooe

Mr Norman explained: Remnrtgages can help tn reduce the borrower's outgoings by clearing expensive second mnrtgages or short term credit such as bank overdrafts and credit card

"There is some resistance to remnrigages by consumer groups who make the point that if payments aren't kept up theo the borrower's home is at

Mr Norman added: "But if he cannot afford to meet his mortgage payments because he is busy fending off other creditors who often tend tn shout inuder for their maney the same problem arises."

Mr Peter Gargett, former consider rolling all their chief executive of the Scarborough Building Society, and switching to a stabilized who has set up Miers Gargett, rate mortgage. his nwn firm of mortgage adviser, in Leeds, said: "Many

produced by Mr building society staff adopt a Victorian attitude to their borrowers on the lines of - it's your fault: you got into difficulties, so you must get

yourself nut nf them. He added: "Much nf nur business at the mament is remortgages for people in this sort of situation.

Mr Ian Darby, marketing director of Jnhn Charcol, the London mortgage specialist. said that his company is doing mainly remortgage busi-

"We call it financial engineering. Through a re-mnrtgage, it is possible to help borrowers no ordinary vari

• Many building society staff adopt a rather Victorian attitude to their borrowers on the lines of - it's your

fault: you got into difficulties, so you must get yourself out of them

able rate mortgages take advantage of other types of mortgages oow available such as fixed rate, deferred interest or stabilized rate mortgages. "Also a larger mortgage may

qualify for a lower rate of "Many lenders charge 0.5

£60,000." But not all building societies Both Mr Gargett and Mr in take nut further life in-are as flexible as the Parts- Darby recommend that the surance to cover any extra couple facing problems should

> "This would reduce their monthly mortgage payments and legal fees.

around £250 and mean they un longer had in worry about their credit card bill or bank nverdraft.

"But they would have to make sure they did not continue to spend or they would end up in the same position again in a few mnnths time.

Stabilizer mortgages offer loans at a fixed rate of, for example, 12 per cent for the borrowers knnw exactly for what figure they have to

The underlying rate is variable - currently about 15.5 per cent - so, initially, interest is being deferred.

Hawever, when rates go down, the deferred interest is repaid and if they stay down, capital is also paid

Mr Gerry O'Donnell, of Save & Invest, the Scottish adviser, pointed out that the couple could make even greater immediate savings by switching to a deferred in-

terest martgage.

He said: "They could reduce their monthly outgoings this year to £890.15, but the payments would gradually increase over a five-year per-iod to £1.298.80. assuming interest rates stayed the

A remortgage is only posmortgage or mortgages come to less than 80 per cent of the

property's market value. No reputable adviser will per cent to 1.5 per cent less for ask clients to cash in any existing endowments. though they may be required in take nut further life is-

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Lindsay Cook gives a warning about homes suddenly left vacant

dding to bereavement grief

When Mrs Susan Smith's mother died in January this year she wrote to the insurance company which covcred the building and the contents of her mother's home in Darlington, Durham.

A week later she received a reply from Teachers Assurance offering "sincere condo-lences" oo her bereavement and in the following sentence telling her that the policy was now endorsed.

This meant that when the house had been unoccupied for 30 days it would no longer be covered against theft, vaodalism, damage from burst pipes or oil leaking from heating installations.

Mrs Smith, who lives a long way south of her mother's home in Stevenage, Hertfordshire, was so upset by the terseness of the letter and the action taken that she looked out the policy sales brochure.

There was no mention in the original brochure anywhere that the property would not be covered in these

"We had taken every



the day of the funeral we removed all the valuables from the house and, as I pointed out to the insurance company, the house is under daily survelliance by a neighbour. The police have been informed and a light is switched on intermittently,"said Mrs Smith.

"My mother died on Janu-"We had taken every ary 8, and I wrote to the precaution against theft. On company on January 17 and

the reply was dated January 24. The 30-day limit is just ridiculous. Nobody could dispose of a property in 30 days.

"The house is for sale by private arrangement and there is no for sale sign. Hopefully it will be sold by Easter but that is moving at great speed."

were her parents. Mrs Smith considered cancelling the policy but she was advised by her solicitor that no one else would take on

the cover when the property was empty. "I feel other people should be warned if I had not written to the com-pany I would not have known about the change to the cover unless I had to make a claim," said Mrs Smith, a teacher as

A spokesman for the Association of British Insurers

left empty. "It is oot usually theft and

vandalism cover which is excluded after 30 days but damage from burst pipes. Some insurance companies ask the policyholders to leave the central heating system switched on."

"A lot more people are coming up against such endorsements because of the state of the property market. If they cannot sell their old home it may be left empty." At Teachers Assurance, Mr

T.C. Bowes, general manager operations, said: The majority of insurance companies restrict cover if a property is unoccupied for a period longer than 30 days.

"It is our experience that the risk of theft and malicious damage is significantly increased when a property is left unoccupied for more than four weeks. It is also our experience that this is sufficient time for the majority of people to make arrangements to remove valuables and have said it is usual for companies any special items of furniture to curtail policies after a stored for safe keeping."

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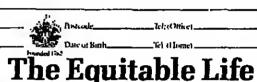
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Sir, I have just exercised an option to buy 5,000 shares costing £2,500. They are worth £12,000. Having already used my £5,000 capital gains allowance this tax year, I must defer selling them until after

However, if I sell them in the 1990/91 tax year, half the £10,000 gain will be taxable.

Can I transfer 2,500 shares, after April 6, 10 my wife who immediately makes a gain of £5,000 (£6,500 value less half £1,250 cost), then sell both lots of shares, thus also making a gain for myself of £5.000 but neither of us incurring capital gains tax liability? Yours faithfully.

It is correct in prin-ciple that the transfer of a holding of shares from busband to wife is exempt from capital gains tax and that the subsequent disposal by the wife of those shares after April 5 1990, will result in the possible gain being assessed on her as a separate individual to yourself. On this footing, the

results mentioned in your letter should follow. However, to reduce the risk of any challenge by the Revenue under the anti-avoidance provision, I would recommend a reasonable interval between the transfer to your wife and ber subsequent sale of them. This shoold be at least a month and if possible longer.

transferring the shares to your wife immediately (i.e. prior to March 20 rather than April 5), as this transfer will also be exempt from capital gains tax and will fall into a different tax year to the eventual disposal by her. This transfer will need to be reported in your income tax return to April 5 1990.

So far as the mechanics of the transfer to your wife are concerned, you should obtain a stock transfer form from a firm of law stationers, complete it accordingly and send it to the company registrars with the share certificate. To avoid any charge to stamp duty you will need to complete the appropriate certificate on the back of the form. It may also be helpful to obtain a receipt of

Disguise put them in for a big surprise

From Mr S. Bear Sir,I read Tony Hethering-ton's article of March 3 "ABI questions prize-linked sales." too received a "winners ceraccount as I have not and I did Yoors faithfully,

not wish to inspect the plan as Mr S Bear, have no need for hospital 6 Trossachs Drive, insurance but I would like the Bath, Avon.

prize. I received a letter saying I had won a prize. Withio two weeks the prize of £5 arrived by cheque which pleased me very much. I have now asked a tificate" from Hospital Plan. I friend to pay it into his was very suprised and sent off account and give me the my claim. I said I had no bank mooey as I am a Teddy Bear.

Yon may like to consider posting from the Post Office. Simple answer to an inheritance tax problem

From Mr S.P.J. Van Wyk

Sir, In reply to Mr Brian Whittingham's letter "Tax anomaly" (Family Money Sat-urday February 24) there is relief available from inheritance tax for just such an

Briefly, shares sold within 12 months from date of death may have their prices adjusted

to the sale value. As with any relief available there are rules to be followed thus Mr Whittingham would be advised to take proper

As to his point about the state being disadvantaged (God forbid!) on sales at more than probate perhaps he has forgotten about capital gains tax which although not paye on the "deemed disposal" death is certainly payable folio which she had in her turn been left by my late father; the

ject to available exemptions shares were valued as at the and reliefs. Yours faithfully S.P.J. VAN WYK,

Probate Manager. 71 Spurhill Avenue. Lower Parkstooe. Poole. Dorset. From Mr P.W. Hooper

Sir. The simple - and apparently all too little-known answer to Mr Brian Whittingham's problem is to sell the shares. The Inland Revenue will then accept the sale prices as evidence of the value of the shares in substitution for the previously assessed values at the date of

death, and will re-imburse the amount of inheritance tax consequently overpaid. I assure you that this is the case: my own mother died shortly prior to October 1987. leaving a useful share portdate of her death (28/8/87), and you can imagioe the position when the time came for paying the inheritance tax in early 1988. By selling all of the shares at that point, my brother and I were able to

recoup almost £25,000 in tax. I might add that neither our solicitor or my late parents' accountant volunteered this advice; amaziogly neither professioo appears to have this course of action as readily in mind as they surely should. Yours faithfully.

P.W. HOOPER 156 Woodland Gardens, Isleworth, Middlesex.

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n of the soil in the making

a tumbledown barn that leans precariously away from the wiod and creaks at every gust. There are rusty iron gutters along the edges of gaping roofs. Inside the crumbling buildings, wooden mangers are rubbed smooth where greedy bovine tongues once licked every ounce of corn from them. And in the soft redbrick walls are scratched the initials of the men who, a century ago, did what I am attempting to do today.

I am going to be a farmer. Not a modern farmer. I am not going in for state-of-the-art agriculture, which demands maximum return at whatever expense to land, animal or planet. I am not even soing to be a reasonably mecha-nized organic farmer. I want to have the sort of farm of children's books, where chickens scratch at the foot of haystacks, pigs root io corners of fields (for whatever it is that pigs so carnestly root for) and where lambs frolic in meadows.

Stinking tractors won't get a look in either: I have bought three mighty carthorses, Suffolk Punches, which will reap and sow. plough and mow; carthorses doing what they were bred for. And there I shall be, at the centre of it all, leaning over the five-bar gate

dispensing dubious rural wisdom to passers-by. I hope it will be an Old MacDonald type of farm. But my farm will be oo joke. I know that many modern farmers will already be laughing their socks off at the thought that a smug ex-townie with his old horse can teach them anything about growing food. All I would say is that within the walls of my crumbling farm buildings lies a fossilized wisdom which is about to have its resurrection.

The farming clock has to be turned back to the days when farming made sense. Few people these days seem to like farmers very much, which is unhealthy. They feed us cheaply and plentifully and we ought to be able to trust them. But even during the 1989 "Food and Farming Year", in which they were supposed to boast of their achievements, all they could manage was to fuel suspicion as to their dubious practice of feeding live animals with

dead ones, some of them instanc.

Fifty years ago, farmers were seen as jolly chaps who ploughed the fields and scattered 'til all was safely gathered in. No one sings hymns of praise about farming these days, it's a dark subject.

I think I can throw some light

I think I can throw some light on it; not as an agriculturist of bioscientist, but as one of a growing band of people who think it is time the grain train hit the butters. It has been running out of control After years working in television studios,

Paul Heiney has bought a farm and intends running it in the old-fashioned way, using carthorses, a hand-plough and well-rotted muck on the fields. It's a dream and a challenge. He tells why

since the Second World War when the need to produce food was desperate. Grassland, meadows and heath disappeared as Churchill ordered the ploughs onwards. But farmers never got out of the habit; the grain train ran away with them. The agro-chemical industry spurred them oo to produce more and more without a thought for the consequences to the land or the food. It also made some of them rich.

Now we are beginning to see the damage done. There are questions about nitrates in drinking water, salmonella in eggs, mad-cow disease in beef, hormones in milk and anobiotics in bacon. Too many questions, I think, to which there

is only one answer. The men who scratched their initials in the brick of my farm - among them A.J.P. 1867, P. Ely 1892 and W.M.S. and F.S. 1882 were farming under a system which was better than any invented since, and from which we could still learn a lot. They worked io harmony with natural systems rather than try to fight them. The

muck their animals produced, to take one example, was oot the embarrassment it is today. If I had not seen it with my own eyes, I would not have believed that slurry produced on farms in Holland (the consequence of highly intensive production of pig meat) is loaded into barges and taken for rides up and down the Rhine because they cannot think

of anything else to do with it. A.J.P., whoever he was, would have laughed. He knew how to keep stock and feed his land for free. The simplicity was the beauty of the system. He grew the corn and saved the straw. When winter drew on, the stock was brought from the meadows into the farmyard for shelter. Down their throats went some of his precious corn and, obligingly, the animal deposited the digested remains in near little pass on the very straw that had carried the corn all summer long.

After six months of being trodden by ever heavier hooves in the farmyard, a miraculous transformation would have taken place; for when A.J.P. stuck his

'Ploughing is like music. When the horses, the man and the plough are in tune it is symphonic'



"We were here": initials of old farmworkers curved in the redbrick wall

fork into the muck he found it had turned into dark, rich, nutritious rotted compost. It had cost him oothing at all.

The horse and cart were sent for, and an army of men; and forkful by sticky forkful the precious matter was carted to the field to be ploughed in, to help grow more corn, to feed more stock, to produce more straw, to fill the yards in the winter. "Eo-I, Ee-I, O", as Old MacDonald would have said. And so revolved a highly efficient and natural cycle. It was organic farming before anyone had invented the idea.

Will it work today, on my farm? To the satisfaction of my critics, who will be many, I have to admit it may oot. Not oo the small scale I can afford. It is not because the natural system was in any way at fault, it is just that the figures don't add up any more. Yields of corn on the old farms were much lower than today, labour was cheaper, there was plenty of it and farmers did not feel they had a right to a

ow we pay farmers not to farm their land (it is called "set-aside"). Meanwhile, we have Development Commissions which scratch their heads trying to create jobs in rural areas. We are paying huge sums to solve problems of our own creation.

So, to prove that the old farming was the best farming for the land and the countryside, I am putting on my boots and taking to the soil. It is the principle that matters, and the pounds will have to take care of themselves. It will cost all my fam-ily's spare income at first and cause some anxiety. But I don't care.

The farm runs to only 36 acres. Not big, hardly room enough for an out-of-town Tesco, but it will do to prove the point. Thankfully it has been in good hands; the fields still have their hedges, the trees are still standing and the firstclass barn has oot been converted into a second-class house.

In the valley in which my farm shelters were once some of the most lush and tasty grazing marshes in the area; but the "advance" of farming took the cattle off and put them in intersive units. Where once grew five-star fodder, invasive and unpalatstar fodder, invasive and tinpaiatable sedge has taken charge. We are joining forces with the Suffolk Wildlife Trust to restore them to verdant pasture: this will add a rented 25 acres to what we own, which will be useful.

By Suffolk standards, the countryside is hilly. From the highest point of the farm I can stand and smell if not oute see.

stand and smell, if not quite see, the sea. From here I hope io a few years times to look down oo a farm as it would have looked 100 years ago: fields of corn grown without the help of synthetic fertilizers and pesticides, pastures rich in herbs and grasses to give the animals that graze them a glow of good health.

Horses will be at work too. In winter, Suffolk Punches might be carting hay or turnips to sheep. If it is June they will pull the mower that cuts the grass to make hay.

We shall cart the hay to the farmyard and with our pitchforks build haystacks. Remember those? In the winter the horses will labour before the plough, turning the used

earth and making it oew again. I am not one of the soil's obvious sons. I began with gardening, and leeks like telegraph poles sprang from the soil fed with stolen horse muck. We had onions like footballs, marrows of vulgar dimensions and occasional setbacks when caterpillars turned cabbage leaves into lace curtains and worms carved tunnels of love through

otherwise promising potatoes.

Then fate took me on a casual visit to a small farm in Suffolk which, even at the end of the 20th century, is surprisingly still Continued overleaf

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Lobster on the Orient Express

got it right. "Almost everyone interesting. appealing, melancholy, memorable, odd, seems at onetime or another after many years and much life, to gravitate to Venice." It has taken me much life, little appeal, no melancholy, some oddness and 59 years. I should have gone six years ago, when I wrote an article, "Noël and Cole io Venice", for the Orieot Express magazine. I neglected to claim the fee I had negotiated - two round trips. Last summer at David Frost's gardeo party I humped into James Sher-wood, who revived the famous train. Just as I began to press my claim another guest said what bad form it was to discuss husiness at a social event and steered him away. Fate intervened when I talked after dioner to executives of Sealink (a sister firm) in Eastbourne. I elaborated on my sense of grievance. Last Thursday we embarked.

I asked an old frieod, David

Yakir, who is an advertising whizperson with the Ayer agency in New York, to come along. Yakir, a Brooklyn Jew, iovented the faintly tiresome coocept that we were two old Jewish widowers, Solly and Eddie, making the journey in the evening of our lives. This fiction was temporarily punctured at Victoria when I was asked for my autograph. The man produced two cards, one to sign, and one which proclaimed him "a private enquirer with 24 years CID experience". "Keep that," he said. "You might find it useful." My personal Poirot! The Solly and Eddie personas, re-

assembled ("we usually go to the

Catskills - they throw in Jackie Masoo"), were treated royally en route in Fnikestone, but at our age we found getting on and nff the cross-Channel boat a slaw anti-climax. Like Queen Victoria, I yearned for the Chancel tunnel. Way back in 1858 Thomé de Gramond showed Prince Albert a design which prompted the Queen

like perfection tended by one David, from Louisiana, who had at least a dozen of us to look after and a boiler to stoke. France looked just like France when we went to sleep and we awoke to find Switzerland looking exactly like Switzerland, Paris, Zurich and St Anton yielded



to write: "Tell the French engineer that if he can accomplish it I will give my blessing in my own came and io the oame of all the ladies of England." Palmerston put the kibosh oo that. England, he said, was far too close to the Continent already, Frustrated, I remembered Chips Chanooo, who wrote in his diary on February 20, 1936: "Sir Arthur Colefax died today. He was a good man; talented, high idealed, hut boring beyood belief. Lord Berners once said of him that he 'had been offered £30,000 p.a. to bore the Channel tunnel'.

WE HAD 24 HOURS of brochure-

time about the tragedy behind an overheard remark which came with the lobster: "I really regret taking Denia to the Grand Canyon." You are supposed to judge the sophistication of Orient Express travellers by who is reading Agatha Christie's cpie and who has plumped for Graham Greene's Stamboul Train. I counted one of each.

BACK IN 1929 Evelyn Waugh wrote io his travel book, Labels. "What can I possibly write, now, at this stage of the world's culture, about two days in Venice, that would not be an impertinence to every educated reader of this

book?" Include me in. But I have to report that poor old Solly, misled in his dotage about European converters, had blown his American video camera and moaned about it as we passed every schloss and chalet, and boarded each goodola and vaporetto. At least it spared me hours of embarrassing posing. Then he failed to make his still camera work. However, I did find the perfect restaurant. Keith Waterhouse lent me an enchanting guide book -J.G. Link's Venice for Pleasure (1984 editioo). On page 151, Mr Link recommends the Veccia Cavana, "favourite restaurant of that celebrated gourmet, Mr Bernard Levin". It was charming. Seeking to ingratiate myself. I pointed nut the glowing tribute. "Ah! Signor Levin!" said the delighted waiter, and hurried away to frech the mailre dibate! They to fetch the maire d'hôtel. They returned in triumph bearing a Polaroid picture. "Signor Bernard Levin!" they chorused triumphantly. Unfortunately the snap was of Signor Sammy Rahn, the distinguished lyricist of "Three Coins in the Fountaio". We had not the heart to disillusion them. WE DID WHAT we could in the

time. We circled the Bridge of Sighs, we marvelled at churches, pictures

and a cornucopia of Caneletto views. We inhaled the evening mist in St Marks and were deafened by the clatter on Sunday morning. We had the ritual bellinis at Harry's Bar and coffee at Florians. We inspected the traditional fussy, filigree glass and admired the simple, elegant, modern, Murano designs. Early on Sunday morning we made a pil-grimage to San Michele, where Diaghilev is huried. According to John Kent's colour guide to Venice, Gore Vidal spotted that the two pink ballet shoes (by Capesio, "Dancing Since 1887") on the little memorial are both for left feet. This huge island cemetery (Napoleoo's idea) is dotted with sad cypresses under which thousands of Venetians are laid. Immediately inside the gate the hand-painted wooden sign points to the grave of three famous foreigners: "Ezra Loomis Pound, Strawinsky and Diaghilew (sic)". Passing countless children's tombs decked with flowers and touchingly illustrated with photographs, we found the latter two in a quiet Russian enclave. A hunch of fresh celandine sat on Diaghilev's plinth, some tulips on the plots of Stravinsky and Vera. The weather had ravaged the pale pink pumps. I examined them closely. How Gore could tell they were both left feet is a mystery. Wouldn't it have been easier to obtain a pair? Who was the young dancer who put them there and when? Are they replaced as they decay? The two great ballerinas I know best were out when I called to

AUSTIN MITCHELL

f I were

Movement: "Ours not to reason why. Ours but in do—or become John Moore". So when the Boss asked me to stand behind the counter of yet another of her shops, I was ready, on matter what was involved. I'm good at learning a joh quickly and I couldn't fet her down after Nigel had behaved so badly. Yet the Foreign Office chaps were always so charming and diplomatic. These Treasury types either say oothing and leave loaded revolvers by my bed or go oo about being up some creek without a paddle.

I'm beginning to understand how Dad must have felt in his days as a circus acrobat. Except that my act is rather more spectacular. Like walking across a highwire in a strait-jacket, balancing between sterling crisis and depression while moving towards a pool of

and depression while moving towards a pool of crocodiles known as electors. Still, at least the Boss has promised to back me all the way. So we woo't have her

gardener Mr Ingham throwing stones nver the wall.

The real problem is oot having anything to do while
she prepares the Budget. Sticking pins to that wax
model of Nigel does oot seem to work. His salary goes

... John Major

up with each pin. I could tax the high earners. Yet that means the Boss's friends would be round here

whinging, so she won't allow that. The Treasury bods suggest taxing the rest, but Central Office tells me they are revolting and have to be appeased. I can't put up VAT or the duties oo booze, baccy and petrol either. We've already got inflation back to 1979 levels and the order's gone out not to put it up further. So I'm left with interest rates. They are a bit like a Zimmer frame, yet they do keep

me standing up. I've oo doubt the Boss will come up with something by Tuesday to go in that old box, along with my wholemeal sandwiches. Trouble is, she only seems to bubble with ideas after the transatlantic phone rings, and Alan Walters seems to be working on a "don't call me, I'll call you" basis. It's a bit unkind of him to leave us oo our own like this. Just because he's not getting paid any more.

So here I am. Keen young chap, bags always packed, ever ready to help like a Scout on life's Bob-a-Job Week, advised by some of the finest brains in the country, three days to go and not a word written. No simmicks left. Nigel's used the lot. Can't just let the money pour in, because Chris Patten's trying to get his hands on it to buy off those militant Wat Tyler chaps.

Even if there's nothing to do, I've still got Tim Bell to help me convince people I'm doing jolly well. He's advising a drop of the Dunkirk spirit. One coat covers any mess and it might stop Michael Heseltine's Henry V routine. I wonder if Henry wore glasses?

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nring the 1920s, Henry. Williamson wrote his magical book, Tarka the Otter, set in the West Country, Now Devon Country Council intends to popularize the valleys around the rivers Taw and Torridge through the Tarka Project.

enquire so I can't give you the

answers. Perhaps you know them?

An alliance has been formed between four district councils, the Royal Society for Nature Conservation (RSNC), the Countryside Commission and British Rail (which is calling its Exeter to Barnstaple service the Tarka Line).

R.D. Blackmore's Lorna Doone did for Exmoor, the stout-hearted Tarka may do for the farming communities of the hinterland.

Williamson's tale ran to more than 30 editions, won him the Hawthornden Prize and varied settings. Williamand worldwide admiration. But much of his popularity evaporated in the 1930s when his support for Sir Oswald Mosley and the Blackshirts was heatedly condemned. Tarka, however, still weaves his snell, and descendants of the otters Williamson wrote about continue to live along the two rivers.

That any otters are there at all, when they have vanished from most of England, is due to an abundance of hideaways giving concealment by day. Nicola Oliver, project of-ficer, admitted: "It is ex-

tremely unlikely that visitors will see otters. But we are improving the habitat for

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hooked. I worked one day a

week for a year as a farmhand, wrote a book about it, and

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have scarred and then guide

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By some stroke of great good luck I had arrived at a

point where my passions for the countryside, for working

such diverse volumes as Ste-

decided to buy a farm.

Management (1890).

movement

making music.

Otters are the focus

of a new tourist project in Devon, reports John Hill

otters and other wildlife. "North Devon is a stronghold for them - the only one, really, ontside Scotland and Wales. A 180-inile Tarka Trail will

lead walkers around a figureof eight, taking in many places Williamson's narrative. A trail leaflet is being prepared and a guidebook is also planned

Otters are obligingly farranging creatures on which to hang a story full of incident son walked the length of the route he arranged for Tarka, which took him from the rivers' shared estuary, bordered by Bideford and Barnstaple, up to Cranmere Pool on Dartmoor.

Anyone wishing to follow in his footsteps should approach the Country of the Two Rivers by train from Exeter St David's, which passes through magnificent Devon scenery unscarred by motorways.

Williamson was a chronicler not only of otters but the rest of the area's wildlife. The ground-nesting, long-legged cornerakes he wrote of have long since been banished by from carriage windows one can see herons fishing along riverbanks and buzzards wheeling over woodlands.

Newcomers on the riverbank may or may not make a difference to the otters. What is certain is that the 1920s were no idyll for them, either.

Cheriton otterhouods worked the area and may have provided source material for Tarka's awesome enemy Deadlock, formerly a staghound. Hunters observed a voluntary ban when otters became scarce and now they have the protection of the la Nor will visitors see the

grisly handiwork of old-time gamekeepers: "... in a wood where the corpses of herons, kiogfishers, red-throated divers, cormorants and shags were nailed to an oak tree. Some had been shot, others trapped. The cormorants and shags were beheaded, for the Two Rivers' Conservancy paid one shilling for every

Henry Williamson, walking alone from his cottage at Georgeham village (Ham in Tarka) was oo lover of crowds, still less of cars. If more people are going to know the Two Rivers, at least they will come on foot.

The Tarka Project is based at the Eric Palmer Community Centre, Barley Grove, Torring ton, North Devon EX38 8EZ. The Tamar Otter Park, where visitors can be sure of seeing the animals, is run by the Otter Trust at North Petherwin, near



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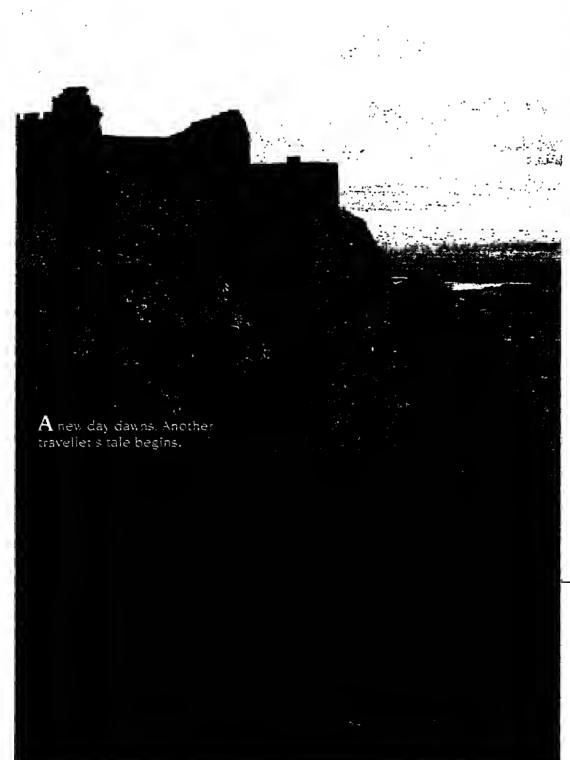
timers the other day to try to buy a horse-drawn plough. He took me into the yard where it stood and told me the full story. "It was my father's," he pined "Good old plough it is; he taught me everything he knew behind that old plough. No, that's an old family friend really. I couldn't sell that . .

with carthorses and for grow-ing food could fuse together. I He took a long pause and, with a knowing look, added-unless that was for In the meantime, I had considerable gaps in my unless that was for knowledge to fill. Modern £100." Sly old devil farming textbooks were I shall need a touch of cunning like that if the money clearly of no use, so my education was gleaned from

is not to run out entirely. I don't suppose I'll get much phen's Book of the Farm support from serious farmers. (second edition, 1877) and They will dismiss it all as Mayhew's Illustrated Horse fanciful romanticism, unaware that the sands of time Slowly I am learning about are running out for the system

tioo is probably out the answer either, but it is a gesture. If I have anyone on my side. I hope it will be the spirits of "AJP." and "P. Ely" for they, and men like them. created a science of farming that deserves better than to be dismissed as inefficient and sentimental rubbish. I am about to start on what for me will be a great adventure. I hope you will be with me on every long trudge down the битоw.

 Paul Heiney, known to television viewers for his appearances on such programmes as That's Life and his units units units and his units units units and his units units units and his units units units units units and his units unit End, and his wife, writer and broadcaster Libby Purvis, moved to their new farm this month. Mr Heiney will be reporting regularly on his farming progress in The Times Saturday Review.



GRAHAM WOOD

A CHILDHOOD: TEDDY KOLLEK



has been less violence in Muslim

east Jerusalem than in Gaza or the West Bank is put down largely to the respect held for Kollek among Heavy with awards and honor-

ary doctorates from European, American and Israeli universities, Teddy Kollek, they say, is Jeru-

salem. Frequently autocratic, impatient with fools and angered by prejudice, he gets the impossible done, identifying totally with his city. This month bis book, My Jerusalem, is published (Weiden-

feld & Nicolson, £14.95). Teddy Kollek was born in 1911

in the last days of the Austro-

Hungarian Empire. His father

worked for a private Rothschild

bank, but during the First World War spent a lot of time on the

eastern front. "When he was in

Austria we would move to wher-

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bers his perents queuing for hours to buy bread, not because they did

not have money but because there was no bread. On one occasion he

had a mild attack of dysentery and his mother queued 12 hours for

chocolate, the prescribed remedy

As a boy he was oot particularly aware of anti-Semitism. There

were occasional anti-Semitic re-

marks but nothing serious. This

may have been because, with blond hair, he "did not look

particularly Jewish". Once in his

teens he got into a scrap with some

Austrian nationalist youths, who

tried to hit him, asking him why

"In those days in Europe there

were youth movements much

more than today, and much more

than you ever had here. Growing

up you could either join the socialist youth movement, or the

Austrian nationalist one - which,

or a Zionist movement."

as Jews, we couldn't very well do

His parents were only mod-

crately religious ("candles on Fri-

day, but not necessarily synagogue

oo a Saturday"), hut very in-terested in Zionism and would go

to weekly lectures. In his teens he

mortifying his parents at his bar

joined a Zionist youth group.

he was going around with Jews.

at the time.

In school I don't recall having to think of a

eddy Kollek is one of the career. We led world's great mayors. Having administered Jerusalem continuously for a quarter of a century, with a reputation for evena much more handedness in a part of the world handedness in a part of the world where fairness is not always best balanced, he is generally thought to be irreplaceable.

While the people of Jerusalem vote generally to the right when electing their deputies to the Knesset, they vote with their hearts when it comes to Kollek and his basically left-wing local administration. The fact that there has been less violence in Muslim carefree life?

by Ray Connolly

mitzvah when he made a fund-raising speech for the group. In one way and another he has been fund-raising ever since.

He always travelled. As a boy of 2 and 13, he and some friends hitch-hiked around Europe. Hitch-hiking was new in those days. "I must have known every valley in Switzerland, southern Germany and the Côte d'Azure. One year we went to Paris." He was a poor student but that

did not seem to matter as much then. Certainly the idea of entering the bank, like his father, bored him. "Socialism and anti-bourgeois feelings were prevalent amoog youngsters then. Today young people are always talking about a career.

n my whole school class, Gentiles and Jews, I don't remember that anyone was thinking about a career. We Today you wouldn't dare enter the world without certificates. But the life I saw before me did not call for any formal requirements."

He left school at 18, but instead of going to university spent nearly a year reading in libraries in Vienna. By oow he had begun to travel abroad, helping to organize Zionist youth movements in Germany, Romania and Britain.

Io 1933 he went to Czechoslovakia to an area soon to be on everyone's hips, the Sudeten lands. "One day the leader of the Jewish community where I was working called me in. Sitting with him were a couple from Chemnitz in Germany who, while they had been out in the street, had been told that the Gestapo had gone to their

house and were waiong for them.
"Instead of going home they went straight across the frontier into Czechoslovakia, leaving behind a child of three who was being looked after by relatives. They were desperate."

The head of the community told him he must go and fetch the child. Travelling on his Austrian passport he took the train to Chemnitz and got in touch with a local Zionist group. In addition to getting the child, he had been asked to go to the parents' house and get the key to a safe deposit box in Paris, as well as documents

seals which we had to break. We found the key and documents and I picked up a teddy bear to keep

He began the return trip across the frontier. His passport also included the name and date of birth of his younger brother from the days when they hitch-hiked around Europe together. Now the date of birth was smudged with a deliberate ink blot.

"I was terrified, particularly because I had a lot of money on take ont money in those days. But on the way I had been reading an Edgar Allen Poe story in which

When he and the child reached the German frontier and he was very thoroughly searched ("I remember them pushing oeedles through the teddy bear"), he coolly put his wallet down on the desk and said that was all he had. They searched everything apart from the wallet."

Years later he tried to find the parents and child again but wa unsuccessful. The Chemnitz episode was the beginning of various clandestine operations in his life: smuggling young people into Palestine when it was controlled by the British, and collecting arms in the United States for the new state of Israel after 1947.

lo 1935 he emigrated to Palestine by way of Trieste and Haifa. He was 24 and he had been thinking about going since in his mid-teens. "At that age you don't think about the future. To us it was a very exciting thing to go to Palestine and build up a new country, to join a kibbutz and start

"On the door were the Gestapo

the child happy on the way back to Czechoslovakia."

me and you were oot allowed to there was a search but the object was never found, because it wasn't hidden but was lying on the desk all the time."

a new way of life, so different from

Teddy Kollek and, above left, as a child (with his mother): "It was exciting to start a new life in Palestine, so different from the lives at home" the comfortable lives at home. bottom of the hill, and up oo the hill was Syria. We were attacked I suppose we were all rebelling against our parents, which is not several times and lost some meman uncommoo thing for young-sters to do. I think we felt we were bers. But we grew bananas and we fished. For 10 years I was a

We didn't ask for any support and e visited Jerusalem for lived far less sheltered lives than the first time in 1936 when, ill from typhoid His first view of Palestine was and malaria, he went from the ship as they approached Haifa. "It was a beautiful city and there to convalesce. He had always been interested in all night we had been singing antiquities so Jerusalem naturally songs. It was very romantic." fascinated him. "But apart from His first job was mixing cement for housebuilding. Sometimes he that I had no premonitions of

middle name was Peter."

what was to come," he says. Soon Tamar Schwartz, a girl friend from the youth movement in Vienna, joined him and they married. In 1938 his parents also emigrated to Palestine.

He was by no means a full-time fisherman and in 1938 found

himself in London raising support for 3,000 young Jews from Germany, Austria and Czecho-slovakia who had been arrested. With the help of Michael Foot, Standard and prominent members of the Jewish community in London, he arranged to get per-

Vienna to arrange their release. The man he had to see had taken over an office in the former home of the Rothschilds, his father's employers. "It was the first timo he had been there. I don't know about the Rothschilds over here, but in Vienna they were pretty stuck up and didn't invite bank officials and their families to

mits for the young people to come

to Britain. Then he went back to

"The young man kept me standing while he sat. He wore a

brown suit. I remember he was fairly efficient." His name was Adolph Eichmann,

"Of course, Eichmann wasn't a name then. In those days they just wanted to have the Jews away, not occessarily to liquidate them. So I got the permits. When it became known later that I had dealt with Eichmann it was a big story. But at the time it was no big thing. He was just a very ordinary looking man, oo horns or anything.

Today, almost 79 and still in office, Teddy Kollek likes to reflect on what ho sees as certainly the most exciting century that has ever existed. From a personal point of view I wasn't always successful in what I wanted to do, hut I was never bored. If I could oow get peace in Jerusalem that would be perfect."

Holidays to write home about

Holidaying in Britain this year? Some of the most popufar holiday destinations lie off the beaten track . . .

ISLE OF WIGHT PRISON

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ANGEL TUBE STATION The new breed of executive traveller is looking for an excitingly different ambience. a hive of activity in a lively mecca conveniently located amaist the hustle and bustle of stylish, contemporary London. For the sophisticated hands-on executive who likes to ruh shoulders with a myriad different Londoners while keeping in touch with those from more distant climes. The Angel offers a vibrant retreat from the seclusion of office life. Thousands flock to this Osjor attraction every day of

the year, and many of them live to tell the tale. While you're there, he sure to experience the famous

"Wind Tunnel" as the suction from an oncoming train appears to transport you to another world, and don't miss the celebrated "Out of Order" lifts, allowing visitors young and old the breath-taking opponunity to climb to the surface by means of the ancient spiral staircase, many of them reaching the top.

RUSH HOUR AT LIVERPOOL STREET

While in London, on no account miss the thrills and will-they/won't-they excitement of the capital's most enigmatic and mysterious railway station. Many find that they come for an hour and stay a lifetime at this mecca for the weary traveller. Daily activity programmes include six opportunities every hour to hear the famous "British Rail Apologises For Any Delays" announcement followed by the Feeding of the Tele-phones, the Staring at the Empty Departures Board and a chance to participate in the famous, unnaturally lengthy queues. Opportunities for husy conference executives abound, with a full staff maiotaining a superhly



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equipped silence around the clock. Experienced travellers have been known to catch a train from this station, but this should on no account be attempted by the casual visitor without fully qualified Supervision

THE M25

People tend to linger longer at London's very latest experience in circular travel. Relax io the comfort of your own car and feel yourself a part of the famous "Eight Mile Tailintimacy of other travellers

'Relax in the comfort of your own car and feel yourself
a part of
the famous
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Tailback'

clustered in the warm ambience of the capital's very latest tourist trap. Tranquillity, peace, solitude . . . these are the words which will leap to your mind as you traverse this celebrated pass. Over onc million people a day take the chance to stop for hours on what has been described as the Eighth Wonder of the Whirled, and even the most seasoned of travellers will find that they just can't pull themseives away. Be sure to enter the famous "Dartford Tunback", or simply enjoy the nel", though exits are by appointment only.

SET IN CONCRETE ON AN M3 FLYOVER Nestling in a block of concrete with hreath-taken views over

left home and dido't look back.

passes by the village where he

worked and is pleased to see the

house is still standing. After that he went to the shore of the Sea of

Galilee where he helped found the

It was not easy. "We were at the

they had done."

Ein Gev kihhutz

the M3, the husy defaulting execuove will have the holiday to end all holidays enjoying surroundings tailored to his own individual requirenamic, utterly modern and contemporary thoroughfare. This, indeed, is one of the world's most desirable restingplaces, where guests are encouraged to just lie back and "let it happeo". "Put up a struggle," says manager Ron-nie Gray, 45, "and you'll only make it worse." Utterly private, set in exclusive quickdrying concrete, such complete immersion in a sophisticated flyover represents the kind of long, long vacation you have been crying

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The world of Charles Dickens is vividly created each oight here in London's exclusivo



West End. Men, women and children are all flocking to combine the modern convenience of a cardboard box with the olde-worlde at-mosphere of the gutter by night. With soup delivered twice-weekly, this is a must for his own individual require-ments. Here, guests soon find concept in totally informal, that they have become part of stay-as-you-are accommodathe landscape, their accom-modacon resting high above panoramic views of a dy-tion. No wonder those who have experienced it just once tell us that it has made them want to "get away from it all". Under the Arches at Charing Cross offers a complete break from the workaday world and guarantees you utter seclusion within walking distance of Loodon's exclusive Westminster. Visited by worldfamous Mother Theresa on her last visit to the capital, this unique opportunity to see the stars of London from the intimacy of your own mistfilled cardboard box (newspapers extra) is fast becoming Londoo's busiest nightspot.

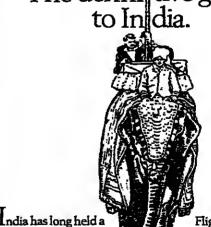
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How to turn heads in the East Youth

Ornithologists wield much influence on political termino-

logy, but in East Germany the word of the moment has emerged improbably from the annals of the birdwatcher to describe the salient feature of a society which is emerging from what used to be called "really existing socialism"

into something rather different.
The Wendehals, or wryneck, is a member of the woodpecker family and possesses the useful ability to turn its head in a full circle.

For the bird this is a handy way of gaining increased access to the scurrying ants which are its gastronomic fare. For its human namesakes it is an equally propitious characteristic in times of sudden political change.

East Germany, in common with most of Eastern Europe, echoes to the flap of turning coats these days as one of the most disciplined communist states turns its attentions and principles towards the free market, and marks replace Marx as the motor of politics.

The observation of Goethe's Faust, that "two souls dwell, alas, within my breast", has never looked truer, as the ideologues of yesterday reveal themselves as today's pragmatists.

Consider the case of Eberhardt

Aurich. Known as the "pro-fessional youth", he headed the Freie Deutsche Jugend youth movement for most of the Eightics, well into his own middle age. A colourless functionary, even by East German standards, he showed every sign of following his predecessors in the job - Egon Krenz and Erich Honecker - into mainstream politics, and had prepared himself assiduously for the role by traipsing behind the former leader on lengthy and purposeless "friendship visits" to Eastern bloc countries and decreeing that punk music and fashion as youthful expressions of alienation had "no place in our socialist society".

Despite years in the fantasy world of functionarydom, how-ever, Herr Aurich has shown a remarkable talent for reading the

writing oo the crumbling wall.

He has deserted the reformed youth movement, taking with him a good share of its property and office space, with which he has set up a limited company supplying giant video screens for rock venues including, you guessed it, those of punk leaning previously denied permissioo to perform in public on his orders.

After the November reforms hours of fun were to be had here, spotting the emerging Wendehalse Only brave Communist Party

followers in East Germany present themselves as anything other than

passive victims, says Anne McElvoy

dusting themselves down to start off in a new direction. Their numbers have grown with such rapidity since that the problem these days in finding anyone who does not fit the description.

The best of breed for a short while was the interim leader, Herr Krenz, who flipped from being a dogmatic supporter of the former regime to its dismantler in a few hours behind the closed doors of the Politburo purge.

He emerged excusing his past

silence with the observation that he had been secretly in favour of change for two years. There are many ways to spot the greater crested Wendehals, and one of them is the warble "I was always ... " Another is the insistence that the accused always did his best to change things "within the range of possibilities open to me at the time", indicating that the system had such a stranglehold on the budding reformer that he

was constantly thwarted in attempts to budge it.
Curiously and irritatingly, this is most frequently spouted by those who thrived within the former regime. The brown-suited Civil Servant from the foreign ministry charged with "looking after" me, as he disarmingly termed his surveillance, carried ont his duty with alacrity, provid-ing strings of unwanted interview partners to fill up every spare moment of the visiting correspon-dents' time, lest they find someone independent or interesting to talk

He embraced me warmly when we met again last week (another feature of the Wendehalse is that they are never ousted from their nests, despite the climactic opheaveal round them). "Terrible times, weren't they?" he said jovially. "You must excuse some of the incidents then. Orders from above and all that. Nothing we could do about it."

Apart from a handful of dissidents, everyone from the Civil Servant to the factory worker oow subscribes to the line that they did not like the old system but that there was "nothing we could do about it".

The similarities with the duck-ing and weaving which followed the collapse of the Third Reich are unmistakable. Even the morally dubious concept invoked after the war of Befehlsnotstand - being

free from guilt because one was acting under orders — is evoked without a shred of embarrassment.

Already a kind of national litary is chanted when the subject of the past 40 years is raised. Ask how people feel about the former regime and you will almost inevitably get the rhyming reply "Belogen und Betrogen" (lied to and deceived). Only the brave few will present themselves as anything other than passive victims.

The inquiries into charges of corruption and misuse of office by leading functionaries support his view. Every Communist Party district secretary refers to orders from the regional secretary, who in turn talks of his orders from the

The former Politburo elite then wail on East German television before an open-mouthed audience that it was not their fault. Herr Honecker and his security chief, Erich Mielke, gave the orders and brooked no dissent from within the oligarchy.



One feels something approachthe two villains themselves, who are fast looking like the only two

non-Wendehalse in the political firmament. Herr Mielke, despite presiding over a spider's web of small-time spies and informers to keep the population in its place, is now almost fondly remembered for what must rank as one of the most absurd valedictory speeches on record, when he told the East German parliament of the Stasi: We are the sons and daughters of the working class. We did it for you. I love you all," before being hauled off to the same jail his forces used to administer.

Herr Honecker calmly told the vicar in whose home he has been given sanctuary that he is looking forward to his trial to explain why he is still right.

But they are yesterday's men. The question facing today's East German society is how to absorb so many sudden cooverts from the old system. The East German electorate goes to the polls tomorrow faced with a list of candidates wishing to participate in the new order, who previously arranged

themselves quite successfully with the old. All parties have had trouble convincing the people that they do not contain a large proportion of former Communist Party members. Former communists do not seem to be fussy where they end up — the most right-wing of the conservative parties had to sack 40 per cent of its executive in the south of the country, when it emerged that they had formerly been Com-munist Party members but failed to declare this when they stood for

The news that Herr Wolfgang Schnur, the most prominent conservative leader to emerge since the reforms, worked for the Stasi while defending dissidents, has however provoked little more than a few tuts.

In the southern town of Plauen' they joke about the similarity with the end of the Third Reich, saying that they cut the swastika out of their flags in 1945 to yield the red flag, and now they are cutting away the hammer and compass from the East German flag to

make it West German.

The irony is rich, but the casual manner in which it is absorbed is chilling. In which direction will the locals turn themselves next? Former party members have already been seen handing out the literature of the extreme right wing Republican party.

The visitor to East Berlin is preeted these days by a smiling border guard who enjoins one to have a pleasant stay; the same guards as before, of course, but relieved now of the order to be obstructive. It would be churlish to carp at the change, but the memory lingers of the dissident singer Wolf Bierman, banned from the country for 13 years and humiliated by the guards when he tried to return for the funeral of his friend and fellow dissident, the scientist Robert Hevemann. No, Herr Bierman said, he could not bring himself to smile as the guard waved him through, and asked for his autograph when he was finally allowed to return. "I thought I did rather well not to hit him," he said. "I am oot bitter, just consistent."

Coosistency is what this liberated but uncertain society most clearly lacks, as it turns its addled head from the past to the future. On the basis of previous German experience, it will oo doubt execute the flip with dexterity.

But amid the rejoicing at the end of a bad dream there lurks in oot a few East German breasts the quiet but uncomfortable awareness that two volte-faces in half a century are enough to afflict even the most resilient with a touch of



COLLECTING

Golden age of the cloisonné vase

John Shaw reports

on a craft

known in 16th

century Japan

alcolm Fairley helped discover a new collecdiscover a new collec-tors market while visiting a house in Fulham in 1983. He came across a pair of clegant imperial Japanese cloisonné vases presented to a British admiral in 1897. Little was known about

their past, but Mr Fairley, a Japanese expert on a valuation for Sotheby's, encouraged the owners to look through family papers. A letter was discovered which gave the pieces provenance, a crucial element in selling at auction successfully.

The vases, decorated with birds and bearing the imperial seal, were presented by the emperor to Admiral of the Fleet, Sir Noel Salmon, former commander of the China kindness to a member of the Japanese court at the Spithead The vases were made by

Namikawa Sosuke, one of the two pre-eminent cloisonné makers of the time. Estimated at between £10,000-£15,000 before the sale, they soared on the day to £22,000 and ended up in the British Museum. "One or two people were

collecting at that time," Mr Fairley says. "But I think it was the point at which the art market began to realize cloisonné vases of that quality were something special and needed study because so much, dare I say rubbish, was produced later."

Mr Fairley, an associate director of Barry Davies Oriental Art, has studied the subject in detail and put together a 42-piece exhibition from what he calls the golden age of Japanese cloisonné between 1880-1910.

It opens on Monday and coincides with the major Japanese sales at Christie's and Sotheby's where, to complete the symmetry, two more vases by Sosuke are on offer. This



time the estimate is between

£20,000-£30,000. The technique is long and painstaking. It involves pouring coloured ground enamels semi-wireless technique into tiny compartments formed by an intricate network of exposed wire tracery on the surface of an object.

It is an ancient craft developed in Japan in the 16th century. The skill was "reinvented" in the 19th century The exhibition contains and refined. Namikawa Yasuyuki (1845-1927) and Sosuke (1874-1910) became the leading figures. Yasuyuki opened his own business and produced one of the art's great advances - a true mirror-like black glaze, in 1897.

TOYTOWN: Model railways "O", "OO" and "N" gauge to include Homby, Bassett Lowke, Homby Dublo, Chad Valley and Jep; die-cast vehicles by Dinky and others. Biddle & Webb, Ladywood Middleway, Birmingham (021 455 8042). Sale today, 11am. SILVER SPECIAL: Graceful Victorian posy holder in the shape of a swan (£180-£250), in this sale of silver, plate, jewellery and related items.

This began the golden age. It saw the emergence of Sosuke, who opened his workshop in Tokyo. He developed the

(Shosen Jippo) between 1879-1881. Success was swift and he won the first class gold medal at the Amsterdam Exhibition

Mr Fairley has found the vases which won the prize. examples by all major artists of the period and it is possible to trace the styles of the two Namikawas from early to later wares. Yasuyuki was a brilhant craftsman, constantly seeking refinement; Sosuke, equally adept, was also a

* SALES GUIDE :

Henry Spencer & Sons, 20 The Square, Rettord, Notts (0777 708633). Viewing Tues 10am-3pm. Sale Wed 11am. **THREE SISTERS: About 500** Influes Sistems: About 500 lots of Georgian and later furniture belonging to the late Miss Judith Bartram, the last of three farming sistems who ran a large Norfolk estate.

G. A. Key, 8 Market Place, businessman, something new Union were the main move

in 19th century Japan. A few years after the range of delicate wares was produced, the industry went into decline and remained in obscurity until the 1970s. Much later material was inferior to the early achievements.

"I saw all sorts of enamels come in when I was at take notice the following year. Sotheby's, I realized there was The British Museum aca huge difference in quality. I quisition gave the subject wondered why, but nobody seemed to know or take it seriously as a subject. The rise looked at by all collectors. of art glass forced a reconsideration," Mr Fairley says. Galle, Daum and Lalique in France, Tiffany in New York and Fabergé in the Soviet

Aylesham, Norfolk (0263-733195). Viewing Tues 10am-8pm. Sale Wed 10am. MERSEY ORIENTAL: Fine textiles from the Arthur H. Lee

collection, residue of a business in Birkenhead whose tabrics were used in Buckingham Palace and

Windsor Castle.
Holloway's, 12 High Street,
Streatley, Berkshire (0491 872
318). Viewing Mon 1-6pm and
Tues morning. Sale Tues 1pm.

ments "but nobody seems to have looked at the early Japanese work, even in Ja-

pan", he says. Mr Fairley led the way in this reassessment at Sotheby's, Coben and Ferster published their book on the subject in 1982 and the market started to

respectability. "I want these things to be They deserve a rightful place in the history of decorative art," Mr Fairley says.

• "Japanese enamels of the golden age", Barry Davies Oriental Art, 1 Davies Street, London W1 (01-408 0207). Open 10am-6pm to March 30. Sotheby's, New Bond Street, London W1 (01-493 8080).

Japanese works of art on

Monday, 10.30am and 2.30pm, Tuesday 10.30am. • Christie's, King Street, St James's, London SW1 (01-839 9060). Japanese works of art. Wednesday and Thursday.

MUSEUMS

Take one guide...

rever before have British museums had the boost they received from the 1989 Museums Year. It celebrated the centenary of the Museums Association and the achievement of museums in creating a new image for themselves and a new cate-

gory of leisure activity.

Despite the fact that many museums said they had a disappointing summer because the hot weather had kept people out of doors, the Museums Association is con-fident that final figures will show 100 million visits to Britain's museums and galleries, representing a 20 per cent increase on 1988.

This year there is to be a new Times Guide to Museums and Galleries, remodelled to take account of comments from both museums and vislistings only to museums offering concessions as part of our Passport scheme. For the 1990 Guide, all museums are eligible. The listings have more than doubled, with over 800 offering Passport

Due to the increasing importance of museums in schools' curricula - with the GCSE emphasis on research museums have an enhanced role for young people. This time there is an added Passport category with special concessions having been devised for holders of a new Junior Passport

Once again the Guide is divided into II regions and there are 23 pages of fullcolour maps to help users pinpoint the museums around the country. All major museums appear

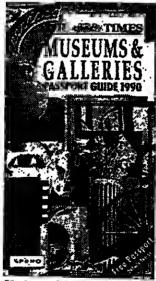
again with some surprises and many favourites. The Southeast has the new Canterbury

MERLIN'S MAQIC: With the aid of new technology, a wizard tells the story of Wales. Another multi-media show awalts at the nearby Dinorwig power station, built into a mountain. Methods used to harness hydro-electric power explained and an underground trip to the generating centre.

Museum of the North,
Lianberis, Gwynedd: (0286 870
638). Sun-Set 10am-5pm. **Simon Tait**

reviews the new Times Guide to

Museums and **Galleries**



Heritage Museum with its unique collections ranging from Roman swords to Rupert the Bear, and the Mu-seum of Kent Rural Life at Maidstone which has a hop garden as an object.
The West Midlands has the

Buxton Micrarium which opens the door to the beauty of the microscopic world, and the Birmingham Museum of Science and Industry with the oldest working steam engine in the world. Bradford National Museum

of Photography, Film and Television is a crowd-puller for the North-east, and a less well-known museum in the region is Wilberforce House,

EXHIBITIONS >

concessionaries, £2.25, Children, £1.50. TIN TREASURES: Tin glazed pottery, China, Islam and the West. First used in Iraq, it spread gradually south and west until it reached northern Europe (Delft). Ashmolean Museum, Oxford (0865 278 000). Tues-Sat 10am-4pm, Sun 2pm-4pm,

in Hull, devoted to the great anti-slaver and his times.

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Street Contract

In the North-west, Merseyside Maritime Museum, the museum which set the trend in Liverpool's Albert Dock, has a special exhibition on the Cunard Line, and from the Isle of Man, the Cregnessh Village Folk Museum has an

Northern Ireland's Ulster American Folk Park has a new gallery devoted to the construction of a typical emigrants' ship, and Armagh County Museum will be celebrating the 300th anniversary of the crucial Battle of the Boyne this summer.

In Scotland, Inverkeithing Museum has an exhibition about the construction of the Forth Bridge for the summer. and Palaceries Exhibition Centre in Cumbernauki continues to examine the history of its own site through demonstrations and activities In the East Midlands and East Anglia region, Moyse's Hali Museum at Bury St Edmunds, which tells the gory Red Barn Murder story, is a sharp contrast to the Peak District Mining Museum at Matlock Bath, Derbyshire.

The Times Guide Museums and Galleries is to be distriboted through W. H. Smith, which will be doing a special promotion after Easter. Readers can again take

advantage of a pre-publication offer. From Monday, March 19, and for six weeks the Guide and Passport will be offered at a special price of £5.95, including postage and

After publication on April 26, the Guide will be available through normal retail outlets. but the Passports, still free, will be available from The Times only.

Admission free, donations HORSEY: Paintings.

HORSEY: Paintings, equipment, toys and skeletal remains trace the evolution of the horse and its role as a working animal in agriculture, warfare, leisure and sport. Glasgow Art Gallery and Museum, Ketvingrove, Glasgow (041 357 3929). Open daily 10am-5pm, Sun 2pm-5pm. Admission free, until April 1.

CAMPUS

Youth's view of the future

With student loans and disaffiliation high on the agenda, April's elections for president of the NUS will be closely watched. Here the outgoing president reflects on her two years in office, and the two main candidates put their views

hree days after I was elected president of the National Union of Students (NUS), the then Secretary of State for Education, Kenneth Baker, announced that an inquiry was to be launched into the activities of student unions and their connections with the NUS. This inquiry was a response to allegations about the student movement which were circulating within the Conservative Party. The com-plaints usually alleged either that the student movement was the last closed shop (rejected by Mrs Thatcher in 1985), or that we did little of real value, instead subvert-ing democracy and civilization throughout the Western world. That was two years ago, and the

NUS had been expecting an attack from the Government for some time. Ever since the NUS was widely credited with forcing the first ever U-turn on the Thatcher Government, when Sir Keith Joseph had to drop his plans for contributory tuition fees in 1984, vengeance had been expected. Two years later, student protests saved £30 million of welfare benefit entitlement for students which would otherwise have been lost in the Social Security changes introduced by Norman Fowler. These, and the other victories the student movement has enjoyed, have been good for students, but have done nothing to endear the NUS to the Government.

The inquiry into student unions and the NUS went ahead, exploring the nature of student union activity and the degree to which it could be described as "political". In the end, the results vindicated us, showing that most student unions spent less than 0.5 per cent of their income on "political" activity, even under the Govern-

ment definition of "political".

The ferocity of the criticism of the student movement placed the NUS in a very difficult position. If we continued to defend vigorously

wrath. Not to do so would make the organization incapable of protecting the interests of students and the wider education system. We had no real choice other than to continue doing our job to the best of our ability. This decision was put to the test before the inquiry had even taken root, with the Government's declaration of its intention to introduce student

The NUS has run a high-profile campaign against the loans proposals quite unashamedly and, we believe, quite legitimately. Hardly anyone outside the Government supports the loans scheme - not the students, not the public, not the vice-chancellors or directors of colleges, nor the staff who work in them. Even the high street banks pulled out of the scheme under the veight of student pressure.

The Government has faced criticism in its own ranks in the House of Commons, and a fullscale revolt in the House of Lords, winning the vote there only by imposing a three-line whip. The legislation has not yet completed its passage through Parliament, and we are still a long way from seeing a loans scheme in place. One likely result of this battle will be a renewed focus on the future of the student movement. I suspect that we have been a little too effective for our own safety. So if, in the near future, we hear renewed rumblings about the subversive activities of student unions, remember this: it will have more to do with loans than loony leftism. Looking back over my time in

the NUS, I do not regret at all the decision to fight a hard-hitting campaign against student loans. If I regret anything, it is that, because of the necessity of responding to a series of initiatives which would reduce standards and opportunities in education, we have all become just a little conservative. Continually having to defend the status quo against alternatives bring us into further conflict with that we have not had the space to Government, thereby inviting its challenge the essence of what is

essentially an inflexible and élitist education system.

Our education system fails most people at the age of 16, and is thereafter geared only to the needs of a small minority. Putting this right requires a reassessment of the purpose and structures of higher education in a way which the Education Reform Act com-pletely failed to do. The NUS has started a programme called the Education Initiative, designed to promote debate around these fundamental questions.

My hope for the future is that those who come after me will always keep faith in their prin-ciples, and will develop the vision of how an open, vibrant and accessible education system could

Maeve Sherlock

magine the potential of a national organization with more than 850 student unions affiliated to it, thereby encompassing one and a half million students. Imagine how powerful the voice of those two million students could be. Imagine the variety of different issues those students are involved in and that their national body should be involved in. Imagine how damag-ing those students could be to any vernment that attacked them as often as this one has. It is a sad fact that the NUS

does not come close to realizing this potential. It is not as powerful as it could be, it does not get involved in everything that stuents are involved in, and it most definitely does not have the. present Government running scared as far as its education policy is concerned. I am standing for president of

the NUS because I want to see radical change. I want to see the NUS setting the agenda on educational issues, I want to see the NUS involving all students and, above all, I want to see the NUS as the strongest and most respected organization within the educa-



elected, will be student financial support. Over the past 10 years students have lost a variety of benefits, the grant has declined rapidly and now the Government is intent on introducing student loans. NUS response has simply not been good enough — "Loans Won't Work" sloganizing posters, leaflets and five national constrations in the last 18 months. It is a disgrace that the NUS has failed to come up with a positive alternative to the grants

Developing a vision of the education system, and in particular student financial support, will be an immediate priority for me if elected. But that will not be all. The loans campaign thereafter must involve every weapon in our armoury, and much more innovative ideas than we have seen so far. Demonstrations and occupations should play a prominent role and we should look at organizing a national student referendum, a national petition, many more publicity stants and an open challenge to John MacGregor to debate the issue. If the Government persists, it should be a priority for the NUS to ensure that education and loans are a general election issue.

The success of the loans campaign, or indeed any of the NUS's campaigns, does not of course simply depend upon the tactics used within that campaign. For the NUS to achieve anything, it has to be seen to be properly representative of all students in Britain. As president of the NUS I would ensure that more work was done on student sport, entertainments, arts My top priority next year, if and music, and the development Richard Cosmo Hawkes fundamental principle for the

and co-ordination of societies in student unions. We should be proud of what students achieve and we should organize national fund-raising events, national sporting events, national student festivals and so on to promote what we do. Only when the NUS does this will it have the respect of all

This would mean radical reform

of the NUS, both structural and political. It is this issue of reform that is at the crex of this year's residential election. The choice is very simple - more of the same or a vibrant, innovative alternative. My main opponent is from an organization known as the National Organization of Labour Students (NOLS), an organization that could attract only 74 delegates to its annual conference, and whose members booed and hissed a prospective candidate for the NUS national executive because she said that, if elected, she would put the interests of students above the interests of NOLS, which has controlled the NUS for eight years. I am a democratic socialist, and

a strong supporter of the Labour Party. But I believe that the NUS should be controlled by students, not party political factions. The NUS should ensure that it involves all students. Then, and only then, will the NUS have the respect of all students. Then, and only then, will the NUS start to realize its enormous potential and become, without doubt, the strongest, most radical and most respected organization in the education

education system to involve people from working-class backgrounds is a national disgrace. In doubling the numbers of students in higher education, we need policies that target those groups which are under-represented in the present system. Sadly, the present Govern-

national union. The failures of our

ment's loans proposals will make a bad system far worse. The deterrent effects of loans are well documented. They would be compounded by any moves to charge home students all or part of the costs of tuition. A serious commitment to widening access requires an investment in education from the ages of 16 to 19, including the provision of grants for further education and sixth-form

Increasingly, decisions relating to education policy are being taken at a European level. As the process of European integration accelerates, it is of critical importance that students' interests are represented in Europe. The NUS is in a strong position to encourage the development of a European union of students to represent students from the Urals to the Atlantic. We have a responsibility to give effective support to the newly emerging democratic student organizations of Eastern Europe as well as improving our ties with student representatives in Western

The NUS has been criticized as "too political". For me it is a source of pride that the NUS does work on subjects such as Southern Africa or lesbian and gay rights. As long as there is injustice anywhere in the world it will be not only our right to work against it - it will be

ver recent years, the

NUS has changed enormously. When the

Union was first estab-

lished in 1922, it was a

club for the most privileged universities. Today the NUS

represents one and a half million

students in 850 colleges across the United Kingdom. Most of these students are in the further edu-

cation sector. As we enter the

1990s a major challenge for the new NUS president is to adapt the

union's work to meet the needs of

dents with a series of new issues

and new challenges. Debates on

education and training are moving

very quickly. It is critically im-

portant that students' needs and

interests are properly defended.

That is why, this year, I have launched the NUS Education

Initiative — the aim of which is to

set out a vision of students' ideal

education systems and a set of practical policy ideas for fulfilling

The number of young people

who remain in education at the

age of 16 is pathetically small. The

system of higher education in the

United Kingdom is scarred with

élitism at every level. The present

Government has set itself the

objective of doubling the number

in higher education over the next

25 years. This worthwhile and

positive goal must be backed up

by two things: a sizable increase in public funding to ensure that the

quality of education is not eroded,

and an active commitment to

equal opportunities policies.

that vision.

The new decade presents stu-

a diverse student population.

Injustice is not something which stops at the English Channel. Our society - including the education system — is plagued by prejudice, intolerance and dis-crimination. If the NUS is to be able to represent all students, it must play an active role in combatting such discrimination. My first contact with the NUS was as a first-year student involved in my Lesbian and Gay Society. It is a sad truth that colleges and student unions are not immune to the bigotry and prejudice that are directed at lesbians and gay men in our society. The NUS has a responsibility to foster an atmosphere in colleges that respects difference and encourages equality of opportunity.

Labour is moving further and further ahead in the national opinion polls. In this year's elections to the NUS National Execntive, students have a clear choice. By voting for me and the other Labour candidates, students will be voting for a progressive national union with a clear vision of is ideal education system. As our country moves towards Labour, now is not the time for students to move towards the Right. That is why I expect to be NUS president in the year ahead.

Stephen Twigg

OUTINGS

THIS WEEKEND

THE NATIONAL SHIRE HORSE SHOW: A once e-year opportunity to see the best of the four main breeds of heavy horse (the others being the Clydesdale, Suffolk Punch and Percheron). More than 200 horses can be seen in the showing — mares, stallions, goldings, in hand, singles, pairs and four-norse teams. Also a shoeing competition. Judging begins at 8.30am, the Grand Parade at 3.45pm. East of England Showground, Peterborough, Today, Barn to late afternoon, Admission before 1pm, adult £5, child £2. After 1pm, adult £2.50, child

CYCLEX: THE CYCLE AND OUTDOOR ACTIVITY SHOW: The only exhibition of its kind in the UK, with all the latest cycles from racers to fold-up "commuting" bikes. Also Riness demonstrations and tiets for visitors, climbing competition, mountain biking competition, mountain sales and BMX champion displays 150th anniversary exhibition of vintage and veteran bikes, with riders in period costume.

Clympa 2, Kenstogton.
London W14, Today, tomorrow
10em-8pm. Adult £4, child

SOTHEBY'S MANCHESTER EXHIBITION: Opening today, a preview of important Victorian ictures to be auctioned by intheby's in London in June. A wide range of work is on display, from the early genre to the pre-Raphaelites and Burne-iones and his followers. Manchester City Art Galleries, Mosley Street, Manchester. Today until April 7.

RAINSOW CRAFT FAIR: 150 individuel craftsmen and women - many demonstrating their skills — at this setting fare to be held under marquees on the riverside tawns. An extremely wide range of crafts to be seen from lacework, Sittes engraving, calligraphy and wrought iron work to uppet-making and fly-tying. ult refreshments throughout. THITY SERVICE FROM WINDSOF Windsor Receptures, Windsor. Today, tomorrow 10.30am-5.30pm. Adult £1.50,

WARPAINTI: Throughout the Makend, cosmetics experts rom the BBC's make-up Millionials and techniques USOC o achieve the Forces look. Applications and and executive of the warp one one old old of the CEN Offer themselves as guines-pigs. Imperial War Museum. Lambern Road, London SE1.

Today, tomorrow, 10am-6pm. Adult £2.50, child £1.25.

ST PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATIONS: You don't hava to be Irish to celebrate Green Ribbon Day, but it helps. Among the many events taking place up and down the country are a traditional display of Irish dancing and folk music at Menton Abbey Mills, London SW19, today between noon and 4pm, free. Tomorrow at 3pm, a St Patrick's Day concert at Chang Cross Hospital, Fulham Road, London SW6 — with traditional music, step dancing, singing, poetry reading and a comedy sketch. Also a ratfla and refreshments. Adult £3, child

FINAL FLINGS: To bring the International Women's Festival to a close, an all-female cabaret followed by disco. Late caparet rollowed by disco. Lat bar until 1 pm. Moseley Dance Centre, Moseley Road, Birmingham. Tonight from 7.30pm. Tickets £5, £6.

MONDAY

FOR A WEE COUNTRY: Opening day of a major architectural touring exhibition which marks the 150th anniversary of the institute of Architects of Scotland, looking at past achievements, the fin-de-siècle tuture, the changing relationship between architect and client and the relevance of the Green movement. Parish Halls, Glasgow. Today until April 18. Furthe information, 031 229 7205.

CELEBRATION OF SCHOOLS MUSIC: Week of performances at Snape Maltings concert half in which 1,000 young singers. instrumentalists, composers and dencers will take part. Concerts every night at 7pm. Snape Maltings Concert Hall, Aldeburgh, Suffolk, Tonight until Sat inclusive. Tickets adult £2, students £1. Box Office open Mon to Sat 10am-4pm (0728 453543).

TUESDAY

THE THREAD OF LIFE: The Princess Royal opens the new Joseph Banks building at Kew today. Described as one of the most ambitious additions to the gardens this century, the single-storey building will house a multi-media exhibition Hustrating mankind's use of plants, and the economic botsny reference collections and tibrary. The exhibition shows how a single plant product — cellulose — has been used for the past 6,000 years and how, with proper management, natural plant

products can continue to provide for our needs. Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew (01-940 1171), Daily 9.30amdusk. Admission to exhibition included in admission to

WORLD DJ CHAMPIONSKIPS: Aspiring DJs from all over the country compete for the world

Wembley Arena, Wembley, Middlesex. Box office 01-900 1234. 7.30pm. Tickets £11.50-

WEDNESDAY

DRUID CEREMONY OF THE SPRING EQUINOX: Ancient ritual performed at a "sacred" time when day and night are of equal length. Celebrating new beginnings, growth and light. Spectators welcome. Tower Hill, London EC3. 12

THE DOME OF DISCOVERY: New museum opens today in Glasgow on the south bank of the Clyde. The refurbished building will house a collection of historical and reconstructed artefacts, machines and experiments which exemplify pioneering scientific and technological discoveries in physics, engineering, astronomy, communications and computers. South Rotunda, Glasgow. Further information 041 330

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS WITH THE V&A: Series of spring evening events --lectures, recitals and private views - open to members of the V&A. Tonight "a Georgian evening" includes a lecture on Georgian silver by Jean Scofield, curator of silver to a City livery company, 7.15pm. Music played by Esterhazy String Quartet and an opportunity to view the Silver Galleries. Annual membership to the V&A club is £16, nominal admission to each event £2. Further information 0494 816730. Victoria and Albert Museum, South Kensington, London

THURSDAY

NATIONAL THEATRE PLATFORM: Steven Pimiot -director of Sunday in the Park with George — talks about directing plays, musicals and operas in general and in particular about the current The Lyttetton, National Theatre, South Bank, London SE1. Tickets £2.50. (Box Office 01-928 2252).

WILDLIFE TALK: Mika Ounsted, head of development at Slimbridge, talks about saving andangered species. Cheese and wine included in the ticket price.

The Wildfowl and Wattands

Trust, Arundle, West Sussex (0903 883355). 7.30pm. Tickets

GETTING ANIMATED: Independent animator Karen Watson talks about her work with particular reference to the suitability of the medium when used to explore political issues

such as the environment consumerism, apartheid Selection of films mada by her contemporaries follows. Watershed Media Centre, Cannon's Road, Bristol, 7.30pm. Further information 0272 276444.

FRIDAY

THE VIDEO SHOW: All areas of home video, cam recorders, television and satellite elevision represented with most major companies present. Many demonstrations of the latest models olus opportunities to try them out, competitions, seminars. I purchased. Westminster Exhibition Centre

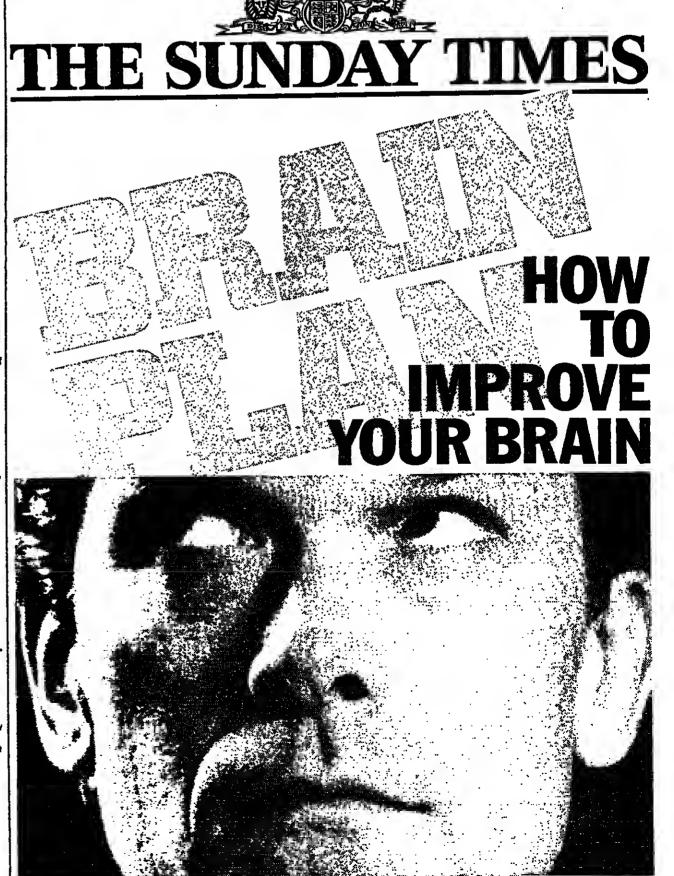
Horticultural Halls, Greycoat and Elverton Streets, London SW1. Today 10am-7pm. Sat 24, Sun 25 10am-6pm. Adult £3.50. Child under 14 £2.50.

ANTIQUE DISCOVERY DAY: Sotheby's experts value your antiques and accept items for auction, in aid of the London Hospital Theatre Wing Appeal Fairlopwaters, Forest Road, Barkingside, liford, Essex. 10.30am-3.30om. LITERATURE FESTIVAL:

Twenty-five years of writing a celebration of poetry and prose" - attended by national and international writers who have been associated with the department of literature since the university opened in 1964. They include Ben Okri, Andrew Crozier, Jeremy Reed, Elaine Feinstein, Ken Smith and Rose Tremain, Continuous readings from individual works plus open reading session tomorrow 2.30-4.30pm.

CHESHIRE COUNTY ANTIQUES FAIR: 30 dealers. beautiful gardens, retreshments, iconsed bar. Arley Hall, near Nontwich, Cheshire. Today, tomorrov 11am-5om, Admission 22 includes catalogue.

Judy Froshaug



TOMORROW

New ways for old

he Museum Street Café occupies a tiny room a hundred yards south of the British Museum. The room is an ad hoc cooversion of what was presumably an office -- there is an internal window to the corridor whereby it is approached, a corridor it shares with an outfit called Lobster: with a name like that almost certainly a design group, I'd have thought. But I wasn't sure, so went into investigative Mode. I opened the phone book - Business & Services A-Z London postal area, shuffled it analphabetically. Unlisted, Anyway, the fact of its sharing premises means that the Museum Street Cafe doesn't meet the building requirements that must be satisfied if a liquor licence is to be granted. Unlicensed - unfortunate, given the poor provision of wine shops in this area called the Cashmere Quarter - there are scores of shops elling wares confected from that delicacy, but there appear to be few shops selling wares confected from grapes. Be warned, for the cooking at the Museum Street Cafe is winefriendly; I drank fizzy water and believe - it's not an original belief-

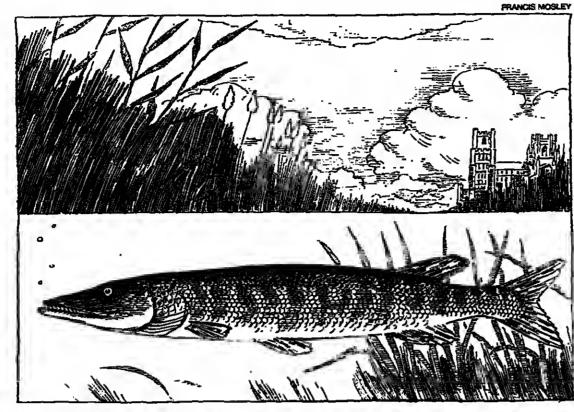
The food is simple, fairly robust, well flavoured, outdoorsy and belongs to the Age of the Enlightened Barbecue. I should point out that I didn't drink wine from choice: the establishment is punctilious about mentioning its lack of a licence on the phone. The place is, in all regards, thorough. The service is by a young woman who seems to bave adopted the style of Greco (Juliette, not El) to restaurant waiting — fringe, black clothes, grave de-meanour. She is painstaking, and turns out to be the baker too; the bread is as good as any in London. The night I dined there were three kinds, including a delicious and thankfully fruit-free walnut bread.

that I'd have enjoyed the food more

had I drunk wine instead

The combination of baker and bread lends the place the air of some sort of new age health-food establishment. And the cooking is almost puritanical in its eschewal of richness - there are no sauces, and most of what isn't chargrilled is roast. This truncation of technique does oot make for variety, indeed it seems to hint at a wilful minimalism. Further, there are only two choices at any stage of the meal; for instance soup or salad, fish or fowl, fruit or chocolate. Within these marked limits, things are fine. The food, as I say, may be simple but it's not thick. It takes some skill to knock up decent dishes from such a

Jonathan Meades travels from the age of the barbecue near the British Museum through a time warp to Elv Cathedral



small palette. A soup of Jerusalem artichoke and garlic was light, smooth and pepped up only by some fried cubes of the tuber. A "mandarin" beef salad included slices of grilled meat, a couple of sorts of leaf, and one of those oddball dressings that occidental cooks dream up when playing at chinoiserie; it included ginger, chilli, garlic etc., and was perfectly pleasant but rather pointless - a well-made vinaigrette is preferable, and doesn't prompt the thought that the same dish might be more

taurant. Both main courses were served with the same accompaniments lentils, as usual, and green beans; these were lightly and savourily dressed. Salmon was roast, and well this side of dry.

confidently done in a Thai res-

Chicken - inevitably maize fed was grilled and slightly burnt. The cheeses are English, the one sweet was a dish of three chocolate preparations - cake, mousse and shortbread.

The cake and the mousse were

good. The bill was £44, including a largeish tip for the diligent and efficient waiting. This is a calm and reticeotly charming restaurant which may deal in newly fashionable clichés, but at least does them with some anlomb.

The Old Fire Engine House is as close to Ely Cathedral as the Museum Street Cafe is to the BM. There are oo cliches here, but that doesn't mean to say that the cooking (a very different sort of cooking) is

Indeed it might be improved by a few new-fangled ideas from the

THE MUSEUM STREET CAFE 47 Museum Street, London WC1 (01-405 3211) Lunch and dinner Mon-Fri. £44 (without wine -- unlicensed), no THE OLD FIRE ENGINE HOUSE

25 St Mary's Street, Ely, Cambridgeshire (0353 662582) Lunch every day, dinner Mon to Sat.

fleshpots of southern Bloomsbury. But old ways die hard in the Fens it has, for instance, been a tradition since the days of Hereward The Wake that four-wheel-drive Suzukis loaded with guys in martial camouflage singing ancient Kenny Rogers songs should take blind bends at 70mph, and that the inmates should gesticulate obscenely to the vehicles that scatter from their path.

The old ways at The Old Fire Engine House are not to be dismissed or, at least, questioned because they are old, but because they doo't make the best of the

This is a place that goes to some trouble to obtain, for instance, fish from the terrifying rivers and canals of the Fens, but which doesn't prepare them as well as it might. Smoked eel from Welney, i.e. from the 20-mile-long dead-straight nightmare called the Old Bedford River, is served on underdone toast. And pike is overcooked with a rather inexpertly made lemon and cream sauce; this was the first fen pike I'd eaten, and it was markedly

n the Trobriand Islands a

man's virility is judged by the size of the yams he

grows. It is rather the same in

some parts of Britain, where

sturdy horticulturalists labour to bring forth ever more

pendulous runner beans, or-

giastic onions, leviathan leeks and massive marrows.

There are, of course, prizes

offered. Unwins, for example, sponsors a contest for the

largest pumpkin, with a British record to best of 444

pounds, and a world cham-

pioo weighed in, in the United

States of course, at 671

Now the snag with that is

that oo ooe can eat a three-or four-hundredweight pump-

kin. It would be more profit-

able to heed E. F. Schu-

macher's advice small is

Marks & Speccer cus-tomers (at the food counters

and oot the underwear depart-

ment, of course) adhere to that

motto at any rate. M & S has made a profitable speciality of

selling vegetables of Lillipu-

tian proportions, at a mark-op

which must strike some as

Baby leeks, for example, come at £1.19 for a six-ounce

pack. You can have standard-

ized ones from the same shop

for 89p a pound (and doubt-less get less scrupulously trimmed and presented ones a

lot cheaper still elsewhere). The "baby" vegetable is, io this case, a more slender version of the full-size job.

Two elderly ladies in the shop

while I was there had mis-

taken them for plump spring onions. There is little dif-

ference in the length of the

white between baby lecks and

convencional ones and, as far

as I could detect, no discern-

ible difference in flavour. For

cooking whole - as a starter in

red wice, for example - the baby vegetables had an ob-

vious advantage in making a prettier presentation, but it is usually possible to find stems

of suitable size among loose

Baby savoys are not avail-

selections anyway.

beautiful.

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muddler in flavour than chalkstream pike are.

Only old (and large) chalk-stream pike attain a similar strength of flavour; I suppose this might have been an ancient specimen - either way it should have been more thoroughly cleaned. Various other fish, notably zander, are to be had here from time to time, and they are probably worth trying in a spirit of curiosity rather than of gastronomic

I guess that the real problem with the cooking here is that its Englishness is unminigated. Much of it is superior school-food: roast pork with crackling and a rather crude, lemon-flavoured stuffing, a pretty good vegetable soup based on an unusually ungreasy lamb stock, a roughish pate or form of potted meat called a mittoen which tasted the way store-cupboards of my childhood smelled - we knew a different samut of spices in the Fifties, and this dish was a bit of a

The best items were a casserole of beef with Guinness and port, a boney but well-flavoured braise of rabbit, and a ham salad which almost demanded a bottle of salad cream beside it to complete a domestic still-life of 30 or so years

But the appeal of The Old Fire Engine House is not really meant to be gastronomic. Its greatest a one that it has nurtured, is that it doesn't feel much like a restaurant of the late 20th century. It's fairly relaxed - you are offered "seconds", the service is cheerful if rather forgetful, the lady in charge is vaguely school-matronish, the punters are the sort of people who are willing to incur stiff necks by gaping up at the cathedral's octagon, then contorting themselves to stare at misericords.

Everyone is well behaved, including children who can run about in the garden, which has high grey-brown brick walls, cherry trees and forsythia. The dining-rooms are handsomely furnished, airy, spacious. They are hung with the energetic works of local painters. I'm not sure if these count among the place's attractions.

I am, however, quite certain that the wines do. There are many of them and they are cheap. You can also drink Norfolk cider. If you value good intentions, handsome surroundings, a mansard roof, and the possibility of a post-prandial terror-trip to Denver sluice above accurate cooking, this could be the one. About £40 for two.

DIRECTORY

Stars — up to a maximum of 10 — are for cooking rather than swags and chandelers. Prices are for a time-course meal for two. They include an aperitif and modest wine in the case of French places, tee in the case of oriental ones and so on. or oriental ories and so on.
Pricas change: they usually go
up. Dishes also may have
changed — they are given only
as an indication of the
establishment's repertoire. I
accept no responsibility for accept no responsibility for disappointments and claim no credit for happy surprises. Always phone first. J.M.

LOTHIAN

The Chanapany Inn
Nr Linkthgow, Lothian (050 683
4532/4388)

The ne plus ultra of the steak house. The meat is "grown" by the owners but is, sometimes, careleasely cooked. The gravadiax is the best in Lothian. The service is churchy, pretentious. A genuine oddky and one that is worth risking if you can afford £100.

La Potiniere Main Street, Gullane, East Lothian (0620 843214) ****

水水水水 No choice "menu" in an 1890s artistic bungatow. The cooking is pretty good but tends towards the heavyweight. Excellent pigeon, for instance, is served with lentits and "a creamy sauce and creamy potato gratin. Service, by the proprietor whose wite cooks, is not especially hurried. Good wines at good prices, indeed the whole operation is very reasonable in that regard. 240-250.

MAYFAIR

Marten's 28 Berkeley Square, London W1 (01-499 0363) ****

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A formerly louche club which has cleaned up its act. The bar is straight out of Manhettan, the dining-room is more or less True Brit — and it has a balcony which overlooks the equare. This is one of the finest altes in London to lunch in. Some of the vaguety francists cooking is notable — particularly the fishceloss which must be the best ever. Decent short wine list and notably reasonable prices. £45.

Le Germehe 43 Upper Brook Street London W1 (01-408 0881)

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The various reputations are justified. The rether encien régime meat copieny is outstanding; the daube of beet is massive and comforting. The service is marvellous and there is an awful lot of it. The prices, especially of the wires, are frightening. The basement diving-room is a shrine both to the Floux brothers and to stately sybaritism. The frivoitry of "experimental" cooking is totally shunned; this cooking is based in cleasics taste and is without gimmicks. The texte tatin is the best you'll ever teste. The places works you'll ever teste. The places works like beneficent clockwork and is a tremendous treat. At lunch two

might just get out for £65 to £70. In the evening £140 is nearer the

Misniya 38 Clarges Street, London W1 (01-499-2443)

*** 大大大 Smert, expensive and folidonically formal Japanese risstaurant whose food, despite its endlessly fussy appearance, is good. Fine fondant aubergines, prilled salmon, broth of green tea and sour plums, tea flavoured ice-cream. £70.

Ho Ho 29 Meddox Street, London W1 M1.493 1228) Pretty sound regionally eclectic Chinese cooking in smooth surroundings. The fried lamb with ginger is nice and the dish called chicken soong is worth trying. £45.

NEW FOREST

Montagu Arms Palace Lane, Be Hampshire (0590 612324)

Not quite what you expect in a Fully Accredited Beauty Spot. This is a Accredited Beauty Spot. This is a good hotel with a highly promising restaurent that excheve the Tourish Board Englishry which such places, tend to go in for, John Mann's cooking is polished, and, in the case of his fish dishes, really excellent; salmon with delication pasts, amoked salmon and crabiart. Vegetables are often inspired and the sweets are rice. However, both duck and guines-fowl were pretty flavouriess; maybe a new supplier is called for. Fine selection of wines including numerous half bottles. Good natured and well informed service. E70.

Cheerton Gien Christchurch Road, New Mitton, Hampshire (0425 275341)

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This is the luxury hotel. Despite a rather unpromising setting in the sprew of outer Bournemouth it sets the standard for all British "Country house" hotels. The service is estonishing; there is shways someone on hand, everyone is amiable, the place works like a well-olled machine. Yet there is nothing impersonal about works like a well-olled mechine. Yet there is nothing impersonal about it. The cooking is luxury hotel stuff but done with a flair and telent that is rare: scalops with shredded mangetouts and butter sauce; raviolis of fennet; millefeuille of salmon and spinach; sweetbrade with vinegar sauce; marvellously kept cheeses; terrific puddings. The wines are not overpriced and there are numerous good bottles for secund 212. At dinner two will pay about 230, hinch is less.

The Three Lions Stuckton near Fordingbridge. Hampshire (0425 52489)

Hampshire (0425 52489)
Nicholas Ruthven-Stuart cooks
game as well as anyone in Britain:
roebuck with mace squee,
pheasant and pigeon with peoper
squee. Alect grain of smoked
heddock, a variety of top-notch fishacups, sweetbreeds and kidneys
with a vineger sauce, kovely
puddings. Long but not necessarily
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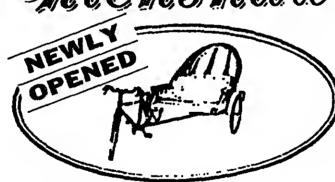
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FOOD

Robin Young puts the argument for eating baby vegetables, whatever the cost

A less than



savoy I could have had for possibly half the price. It is the same with baby cauliflowers. These, 100, are fully mature vegetables, but they weigh less than a fifth of a traditional large head. Dwarf, suppose, is not a favoured description nowadays, but these are really cauliflowers of limited stature, rather than babies. Marks & Spencer's price for two baby cauli-flowers, anyway, is £1.45, while this week ordinary cauli-flowers more than twice the size of the two babies put together were selling at 99p. Courgettes, as you can tell

able at present, but when they were they were stunning - at least for cooks who, like me, by their name, are supposed to have difficulty making cab-bage look attractive. The crinbe ministures anyway. For kle-leafed heads could be most varieties the recomcooked whole for those with mended size is three to four big appetites or neatly halved inches, whereas some in the for the more absternious, and shops make it to an overthey looked so neat and weight nine inches or even perfectly formed that I paid up without even glancing to see more. Baby courgettes are scarcely an inch long and but a fraction of the dismeter of the how much more ordinary

standard vegetable. At present they are £1.45 for seven ounces, whereas ordinary more colour and flavour, are only £1.25 a pound. I thought the babies looked and tasted better in salads. I preferred full size for serving hot, whether whole or sliced.

Baby carrots I would call small rather than baby. They are certainly larger than the first fingerings pulled from the garden in spring, and of course they do not have the distinctive flavour of new carrots either. Still, they sell at £1.35 for 10 ounces, while M & S's standard carrots are a

mere 49p a pound.

I could not find baby parsnips in Marks & Spencer last week, but those at Tesco were mature in age and at least adolescent in size. They sold in packs at 55p a pound, while marketing opportunity for so-called babies arises chiefly from the fact that the vegetables we are used to buying have grown too big for their own good. The most widely available

vegetables it seems that the

baby vegetable is baby corn, imported from Thailand. A egular in oriental cookery and stir-fries, it is really not comparable to full-grown corn oo the cob, which has quite different uses. Nonetheless, I would personally rather have a pair of golden cobs for my £1.29 than six ounces of pallid embryos.

With potatoes the market-eers manage to have it both ways. Big ones sell at a premium price as bakers, even when their variety is norreally good for baking. Small ones, which not so long ago would have been chucked out for pigswill, become babies. For baby potatoes read "under-

arks & Spencer, un-like some super-markets, does not sell "baby potatoes" as such, but it does currently offer baby new? Egyptian King Edwards at £1.45 for 1½ pounds. Similarly packed and graded "new" Egyptian King Edwards of rather more generous proportions (still not big) are 85p for two pounds. That makes "baby new" potatoes two and a quarter times the price of standard—and King Edward, a maincrop variety, is not one that is traditionally used for "new" potatoes anyway. These Egyptian impostors have none of the flavour one would expect from new potatoes of the early varieties like Jersey Royals, Dilke of York, Arran Pilot or Maris

M&S says it is a trade secret how it gets its baby vegetables—though the current creche seems to be Spain. In most cases, though, it is something one could do at

The seedsmen Thomson and Morgan lists two minicauliflowers, Garant and and recom mends Suko baby which grow to about 21/2 inches, even for window boxes or tubs. Cortina is a slim, early-harvesting leek. Cricket-ball sized cabbages suitable for individual portions can be produced by planting the variety Minicole eight inches apart, and for mini-parsnips, I their bigger brethren were 39p am told, just sow a variety a pound loose. Among root such as Lancer thickly.

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Be it ever so humble, or new and exotic, the potato is the most adaptable of vegetables, Frances Bissell writes

apologies for celebrating the potato today, St Patrick's Day. I love this democratic vegetable which first set sail from the New World - from the port of Cartagena on the Spanish Main, to be exact - in the middle of the 16th century. Although ideally suited to a northern European climate, as it was to the Andes, the potato took at least 200 years to catch on. Once its qualities were appreciated, however, it quickly became a staple. Today there are many varieties of potatoes, numbering probably in the thousands rather than the hundreds growing around the world dreds, growing around the world, particularly in the Andean countries and in the British Isles. Looking at potatoes in Colombia, where a whole row of bins in the supermarket is given over to different varieties and sizes, I was interested to learn that experiments are being carried out on crossing the Colombian papa criolla with a Scottish strain of potato.
Although it is possible to track

down exotic and unusual potatoes in the shops, and it is, of course, possible to grow your own, the likelihood is that you will have little to choose from in the shops. This is hardly surprising when you consider that only five varieties go to make up about 50 per cent of commercially grown potatoes not destined for the crisp packet. These are: Maris Piper, a main crop potato, usually described as a good all-rounder, suitable for baking, boiling, mashing and roasting, Estima, a second early — that is, harvested in July and August but with good keeping qualities, even into the spring; Wilja, a second early and, like Estima, suitable for most cooking methods, but this one is particularly good for chips; Pentland Squire, a main crop potato with a floury texture that makes it suitable for baking and Cara, a relatively new variety of main crop potato, good for baking but suitable for all cooking methods, like the King Edward in size and colouring, with white skin, pink around the eyes.

Asperges (also known as La Ratte and Cornichon), Belle de Footenay, Bintje, Charlotte, Desirée, Elvira, Epicure, Pink Fir Apple and Roseval are varieties to brush each sheet of dough with Wher if you want to serve more unusual potatoes. These varieties have plenty of flavour, firm, waxy excellent in salads. Occasionally it is possible to find some of the "designer" potatoes in supermarkets. Unless you are huying potatoes for immediate use, stare them in a brown paper bag in a cool, dry, dark place, nnt in the polythene bag in which they are usually sold. Exposure to light will cause the potatoes to turn green. which indicates that the toxin solanin is forming under the skin; green potatoes should not be eaten. minutes until golden brown.

Compatible might be a better word than democratic to describe the potato. It is so thoroughly adaptable that it is suited to the homeliest dishes as well as the grandest. Caviare and foie gras are current favourites in the restaurant world for putting with potatoes; the first served with a baked potato, the second thinly sliced and layered with thinly sliced potatoes and baked into a rich "gateau".

Today I have looked to the homelier dishes a proper learning the looked to the looked

homelier dishes, many from Ireland, where potatoes make a good full to a meat stew or eke out the leftovers. The first, though, is something of a show-off recipe, to be undertaken when you have plenty of time and patience. It is good with grilled fish or meat but really quite fine enough to stand on

Potato, Parmesan and leek strudel (Serves 6)

3oz/85g flaked almonds 202/60g ground almonds 6-8oz/170-230g butter %Ib/340g leeks, white part only

1 bay leaf 2 cloves

1½lb/680g potatoes

1/4 lb/110g freshly grated Parmesan

4 sheets file or strudel dough Separately fry the flaked and ground almonds in a little of the butter, and put to one side to cool. The flakes should be crisp and golden, not brown. Peel, trim and thinly slice the leeks. Wash thoroughly to remove any grit, shake

excess water from them, and cook until just tender in the milk, with

the bay leaf and cloves added. rain the leeks and put to one side. Reserve the milk and discard the bay leaf and cloves. Peel and boil the potatoes in lightly salted water. Drain and mash them with a little of the milk in which the leeks were cooked and some more of the butter. Season lightly with salt and pepper, and stir in 102/30g of the

Parmesan and the cooked leeks. To assemble the dish, liberally melted butter. Lay one sheet on top of the other and then scatter the flaked almonds, ground almonds and 20z/60g of Parmesan over the whole surface. Lay the remaining two buttered sheets on top. Spoon the mashed potato in an even line about 2in/5cm in from one edge nf the pastry. Roll up carefully, and transfer to a buttered, floured baking sheet, curving it slightly to fit if necessary. Brush the top with the remaining melted butter, sprinkle with Parmesan, and place in the top half of a pre-heated oven at 190°C/375°F/gas 5 for about 40



Shepherd's pie and cottage pie

Using minced lemb for the first and minced beef for the second, these are excellent dishes for using up the remains of a large joint, aithough they can be made from scratch with raw minced meat. Grated cheese, egg yolks, herbs, cream, spring onions are some of the things which can be added to the mashed potato topping for variety_

1 medium onion, pesied and finely

1tbsp olive oil 1 1/2 tbsp/680g minced lamb or beef (cooked)

%pt/140ml meat stock or gravy 1-2tbsp port or red vermouth 1tsp soy sauce or Worcestershire

pinch of ground mace or nutmeg pinch of ground alispice, optional pinch nf chopped fresh rosemary or 1thsp finely chopped parsley or

11/slb/680g mashed potatoes (mashed with a little olive oil while still hot)

Fry the naion in the olive oil until light brown. Mix with the meat, liquid, spices, herbs and seasoning, and spoon the mixture into an ovenproof dish. Spread the mashed potatoes over the top, and score the surface in line with a fork. Bake for 40 to 45 minutes in the top half of the nven, pre-heated to

180°C/350°F/gas 4. Potato and bacon soup

(Serves 4) 1/2 Milb/110g smoked or green streaky bacon

1lb/455g potatoes 1½pt/850ml stock

14 pt/140ml single cream

to 10 minutes. Pour on the stock, bring to the boil, and simmer, covered for 45 minutes. Blend, process or rub through a sieve, or leave it as it is according to how you prefer the consistency. Stir in the cream, bring back to the boil, and season to taste. Stir in the parsley and serve. I particularly like this soup with thick slices of hnt buttered toast.

1tbsp chopped parsley

Remove the rind, and cut the

bacon into matchsticks. Put it in a

heavy saucepan, and cook gently until the fat is rendered. Peel,

quarter and dice the potatoes, and

cook them in the bacon fat. Peel

and thirty slice the onion, and add

this to the pan. Cook both veg-

etables without hrowning for eight

The classic proportions for this

onions as meat and twice as much

21b/900g middle or best end of neck stewing lamb

1/2/240g onions, peeled and thinly 3lb/1.35kg potatoes, peeled and

1 bay leaf 1 sprig thyme

pepper 1tbsp chopped persley

Remnve as much fat as possible from the meat. In an earthenware or similar ovenproof casserole, build up layers of potato, meat and onion, seasoning lightly and finish-ing with a layer of potatoes. Tuck in the bay leaf and thyme, and pour

in 4-42pt/140-280ml water, enough

to stop the contents burning in the initial stages. Cover and cook in a preheated oven, 170°C/325°F/gas

3 for two and a half to three hours.

Hunter's ple (Serves 4)

1oz/30g butter 1½lb/680g mashed potatoes

4 or 8 cooked lamb chops or cutlets %pt/200ml lamb stock or gravy from a roast

utter a pie dish, and spoon in about two-thirds nf the mashed potato, smoothing it with the back of the spoon to line the dish. Lightly salt and pepper. Arrange the chaps on top, and cover with the rest of the mashed potatoes. Bake in the top half of a preheated oven at 180°C/350°F/ eas 4 for 35 to 40 minutes, until the potatoes are golden brown and the meat thnroughly re-heated. Bring the gravy to the boil, make a small hole in the potato crust, pour in the gravy, and serve the pie immediately.

Boxty or potato bread

1/230g old potatoes, peeled %pt/70ml water 1/1b/230g mashed potatoes

1/2/230g plain flour 1tbsp baking powder 3oz/85g melted butter

Grate the peeled potatoes into a bowl with the water. Stir with a fork, and then pour through a fine sieve into a bowl, pressing well down on the potatoes. Dry the grated potatoes on a clean tea towel, and mix with the mashed potatoes. Let the potato starch in the water settle, and carefully pour off the water. Mix the starch with the potatoes and the rest of the ingredients. Shape the mixture into a ball, and roll or pat it into a flat round cake. Make a cross on top, dividing the loaf into four. Bake on a greased floured baking sheet at 180°C/350°F/gas 4 for 40 to 45 minutes. Serve hot, pulled into four pieces, split and spread with

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DRINK

f Mr John Major's first Budget is a tough one, as some City folk are hoping, then drinkers will ocatainly be in his sights nn Tuesday.

Our politicians have long liked to argue that Britain is, and always will be, a beerproducing and crinking nation. Wine, they maintain, is a luxury foreign beverage and should be taxed to the hilt. As for spirits, forget about our own sizable whisky and gin industries; everyone knows how dangerous high-strength alcohol can be. Thankfully, not last long, and the weasel Britain's entry into the Europeen Community toned down this unbalanced viewpoint and reduced our over-taxation continue to fill their coffers of wine: Brussels insisted brought in from the Excise duty and VAT charged nn upon a Community-pegged ratio between wine and beer duty of roughly three to one. which is what we still have.

Wine may still be viewed as a luxury item by Westminster but the EC directive, coupled with our ailing beer trade, has ensured that duty increases over the past five years have been minimal There were no increases last

Year, just a few pence more on wine, sherry and port in 1988, and no increases on either wine or spirits in '87 and '86: 1985 was the last year that table wine, fortified wine and spurits all had duty increases. and even then the steepest rise was just 9p up on spirits' duty. Apart from pegging wine duty to that on beer, the EC

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ably, Mr Major are very keen on allowing "market forces" to bring about any changes that are deemed necessary. However, it is not at all clear which way this Government will jump after December 31 1992, when we enter a free European market. Currently there is nothing to stop a British wine merchant travelling to France after this date, purchasing and paying the minuscule French duty on a container of wine, bringing it hame and selling it at a vast profit. Clearly, the Government will have to come to some decision about this soon.

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few years ago: harmonization.

This meant that Brussels ex-

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word "approximation" rap-

idly replaced harmonization.

Britain's Chancellors would

with millinns of pounds

wine and spirits hut, in order

in show what good Europeans

we really were, they would

gradually be "approximated"

to those of other EC countries.

Given the static duty rate, I

take this to mean that we will

wait for the rest of Europe's

duty levels to catch up with

Mrs Thatcher and, presum-

Apart from EC complications, the Chancellor has inflation to contend with, and will be acutely aware that an election is coming up in 1992. Wines and spirits are both included in the retail price index and any alterations Champagne and other sparklers should be on the weekend shopping list for Budget beaters, Jane MacQuitty reports

Popping a cork at the Budget



will add to the rate of

Moreover, the drink industry is not in great shape at the moment. Even if drink duty remains the same on rise again during 1990 and Tuesday, Mr Major may have consumer spending squeezed to reconcile himself to a drop even tighter, no one I have

1989 Château La Jaubertie

Rosé The Victoria Wine Company £4.29, Majestic Wine

With spring in the air and the

sun shining, it is time again for

pink wine drinking. This Bergerac Rose from Englishman Nick Ryman is one

of the first pink '89s to armve.

and its deep rose pink colour

e 1989 Château Bellevue La

Frontonnais Oddoms £3.49

Unlike the Jauberte, this pink

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great spring swigger.

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upwards nn their duty levels in revenue from this sector in 1990. For wine and spirit traders 1989 was a dull trading year, culminating in a depressed Christmas season. With interest rates likely to

WINE BUYS wine with its strawberry Jam scent and full-bodied, spicy taste, blessed with lots of bite and backbone, will be only at Vin de Pays des Côtes de

Gascogne Victoria Wine £2.49 These white Vin de Pays wines are everywhere and represent some of the best value formoney dry French white wines on UK shop shelves. Vic Wine's light, clean, zesty citric otlering is a good example of

spoken to recently in the booze business is predicting better results for 1990. Yet for all the damage likely

in be done to the Government's image by possibly encouraging inflation and flying in the face of the EC authorities, some City analysts are

 1988 Château de Paraza, Minervois Oddbins £3.49 This Cuvee Speciale, as the label states, makes better But no matter for its warm. aromatic, spicy-inky style will go down well with most March

 1986 Château de Berbec Waitrose £3.95 Sweet dessert wine itematives to Sautemes are pricier than they should be, but this Premières Côtes de Bordeaux offering with its full, rich, luscious marzipan fruit is a keenly priced alternative.

should bite the hullet and deliver a hard, no-nonsense first Budget. In this healthconscinus age, drink is a natural target for tough Chancellors. So anyone who, like me, takes a childish delight in cheating their coffers of a few pennies should visit their offlicence today or on Mnnday.

As always, those who know that they will have to cater for a wedding or other large party soon would be wise to huy in their sparkling wine now. An increase of a few pennies per bottle may not sound much, but it adds no considerably if ynu have to buy a wine in bulk. Remember, too, that champagne and all sparkling wines, nn doubt due to their "luxury" connntations, carry a higher rate of duty than table wine - £1.18 per bottle compared to table wine's 77p. Majestic Wine Warehouses is sure that sparklers and

champagne will be going up, and has just brought in a shipment of 1983 Blanquette de Limoux, Cuvée Réservée, as a Budget beater. This is a smart move, for I enjoyed its fresh, musky-fruity scent and taste, and priced at just £5.49 it is bound to sell out fast. Annther good pre-Budget alternative to champagne is Charles de Fères methode champenoise sparklers, made just outside the Champagne region, that I wrote about a few weeks ago. The Flowers Blanc de Blancs Brut Réserve (£5.54 from Berkmann Wine Cellars, 12 Brewery Road, London N7) is not dissimilar in style to the Blanquette de Limoux, but trade no in the bouncy, biscuity, champagne-like Brut Tradition (£6.54, Berkmann Wine Cellars) and you will not be disappointed. If it has to be champagne,

and for lots of weddings it

does, then take advantage of

Oddbins' nffer of seven bottles of champagne for the price of six. This ensures that seven bottles of good, ordinary, nonvintage grandes marques champagnes, such as Laurent Perrier's well-made, appley, non-vintage Brut, work out at £11.90 per bottle, instead nf the usual £13.99.

Low-price, Budget-beating wines are nnt really worth huying, as the savings are so small. On a £2 bottle nf wine, you will be paying 77p in duty and 26p in VAT, making a tntal of £1.03 which, when taking into account the bottling, distribution and over-head costs, leaves precinus little for the cost of the wine. The Wine Society calculated recently that, given these fixed costs, drinkers of £3 bottles of wine would actually be drinking wine worth five times the value if they traded up to a £5

nn may think these duty levels sound extortinnate, hut pity sherry and port drinkers. Sherry drinkers who purchase the better quality £3.69 bottles are donating £1.72 nn every bottle in duty and VAT to the Chancellar. Similarly, port lovers donate an impressive £2.21 to his coffers on every £5.99 bottle they buy. However, the folk that I feel sorriest for are spirit drinkers, who hand over £4.73 in duty alone to the Chancellor every time they buy a 40 per cent bottle. This means that on a £7.50 bottle of whisky the Chancellor's share, if you take VAT into accoun too, is a staggering £6.71. worth. Come Tuesday, Mr Majnr may well need some Dutch courage to dn his dnty. I suggest Lagavulin's glorinus Sixteen Year Old Islay malt whisky (Oddbins £16.99 nntil April 2, The Victoria Wine Company £16.79). Its delicious, powerful, bold, pearrecked and indinc-like flavours may well give him the steel and determination he



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Epitomizing some of the more intelligent aspects of the 1960s iconoclasm: Miller, Bennett, Moore and Cook

Before, during and after

During his school-days at Radley, Peter Cook was caned by the future England cricketer, Ted Dexter, for drinking cider at Henley Regatta; or so Ronald Bergan assures us. Perhaps there is an idea for a book here. It would consist of two chapters on life in the Radley classrooms and tuck-shops, followed by short biographies of Cook, Dexter, and two other old boys who have achieved distinction in, say, forestry and ballet.

That would not make a lot less publishing sense than the curious artefact Bergan has produced here. Back in 1960 Alan Bennett, Jonathan Miller, Dudley Moore and Peter Cook came together to create the revue Beyond the Fringe, but, with the possible exception of Cook himself, each has gone on to construct his own more substantial career. And will fans of "the priapie though repressed Dudley", as Bergan characteristically calls Moore, happily battle through long-ish accounts of the plays of "butcher's son Bennett", or the Shakespearean productions of "Jonathan "Swift' Miller"? Still, one would not wish to

underrate Beyond the Fringe itself. It may not have caused both "the death of traditional revue and civilization as we knew it", as Bergan quaintly suggests. But it epitomized the more intelligent aspects of 1960s iconoclasm; and at the very opening of that decade. Before Cook founded *Private Eye*, or the television show *TW3* popular larized the word satire, the revue was mocking Macmillan as a senile blimp, nostalgia for the Few as the mawkish "aftermyth of war", and Civil Defence as a sustained fatuity.

Benedict Nightingale

BEYOND THE FRINGE ... and Beyond By Ronald Bergan Virgin, £12.95

It did so with verve and wit, too. When they first met to discuss their coming collaboration, in a shabby Italian restaurant near Euston, the author-actors were no longer honing their comic skills as Oxbridge undergraduates. Miller was an aspiring neuropsychologist; Bennett was preparing an MA thesis on Richard II's retinue; Moore was a jazz musician; and Cook, then the best-known of the four, had contributed sketches to a West End revue. They were an oddly assorted lot, seem to have disliked each other at the start, and did not always get on well after-wards; but within a few months their late-night show was at the Edinburgh Festival, and picking up the plaudits that were to take it to London and Broadway.

Bergan has some nice anecdotes about the revue's production -Donald Albery thought the don-nish-looking Bennett should be fired and the project as a whole was sure to fail - but he could tell us rather more about the creation, development, performance, and even content of its sketches. As it is, the bulk of the book consists of biographies that he somehow contrives to make both too long and too skimpy. These are most interesting when he is considering his subjects' earlier years. For instance, we learn that Miller is Bergson's

great-nephew, Bennett considered going into the Church "not for any better reason than that I looked like a vicar", and the future screen star of "10" and Arthur was terrified of women, perhaps because he was (as Bergan breezily puts it) "the clubfooted son of a railway electrician, brought up in an ugly housing

estate in Dagenham".

The trouble comes when Bergan tries simultaneously to evoke and assess the four men's post-Fringe lives and accomplishments. Moore and Cook did their Dud and Pete act on television, after which one went to live in a pink house near Hollywood, and the other allowed his career to flounder on in London. Bennett wrote some good stuff about human loneliness for stage and television, and Miller turned from medicine to the classical theatre, with results varying from the thrilling to the meretricious. The latter two, in particular, deserve crisper, more incisive consideration than they receive here. Unfortunately, the impression one often gets is of an intelligent author hurriedly patch-ing together a book for readers of

the showbiz pages. Yet that hardly excuses all the name-listing and name-dropping ("the role of Mrs Swabb was played by Patricia Hayes, everybody's favourite cleaning-woman") or the brash, saloon-bar prose. Bergan's is a world where shows open "in the glaring light of London's West End", the BBC "dons a miniskirt and starts to swing with the times", and records sell "like condoms at an AIDS convention". Even a misconceived book could be more gracefully turned.

Two views of the sacred and profane

Like most people, I observed the rumpus cansed by Saiman Rushdie's Satanic Verses from the cheaper seats at the back of the hall. It is a good thing to have someone correct the over-simplified assumptions which, in a semi-conscious way, we are likely to hold about the Muslim community in Britain and in the world as a whole. Malise Ruthven does not concern himself with adjudicating between the claims of freedom of expression and the right of protection of religious sensitivities. Instead, in this notably thoughtful and wellinformed book, he puts his readers in a position to approach the

problem in a less ignorant way.

His first point is that the Mus-lims of Britain came here almost entirely from the subcontinent of India. The Muslims of that part of the world, 300 million in number, are the largest element in the world's total of about a billion. Two hundred million are Arabs of one sort or another. (Other groups, in descending order of size, are those of south-east Asia, of sub-Sabaran Africa, Iran, and Turkey). Each of these groups is different from the others and most are internally divided as well.

Secondly, Muslims take the Koran to be the literal word of God, ventriloquially conveyed through Mohammed. For them it is much more an incarnation of God in the world than the Prophet himself, who remains definitely human, even if closer to God than anyone

The Indian origin of British Muslims and the Muslim view of the nature of the Koran have implications which Malise Ruthven illuminatingly explores. He shows that the idea that the world's Muslims make up a homogeneous community, hierarchically submissive to some central authority, is entirely mistaken. In this religion there is no Pope, nor, really, a priesthood. Its adherents are divided in all sorts of ways. Arabs, whose language is that of the sacred, and not permissibly translatable, text, are more at ease in their faith than those who do not speak Arabic. The passionate re-action of British Muslims is in part due to that, in part to their understandable sense of being a **Anthony Quinton**

A SATANIC AFFAIR Salman Rushdie and the Rage of Islam By Malise Ruthven Chatto & Windus, £14.95

beleaguered minority in this

This sensitivity had been brought

to a head not long before by the Honeyford incident, in which a Bradford headmaster had been forced from his post because of his reasonable objections to the absentecism of Muslim pupils, and his less reasonable ones to the serving of ritually slaughtered meat. Muslim reaction to Rushdie's book was not spontaneous. It was incited and kept alive by the Central London Mosque, which aspires to spiritual authority over British Muslims, and which is sustained by Saudi Arabian money. Ruthven suggests that the issue was seized on as a move in the competition between Saudi Arabia and Iran for leadership in the Muslim world. An intensifying factor was the politics of India and Pakistan: in the former there was a general election in the offing, in the latter it served as a challenge to the secular-minded government of Benazir Bhutto.

Khomeini's call a year ago to the faithful to kill Rushdie led the Saudis, in Ruthven's words, to wash their hands of the matter in the face of this Iranian political opportunism. Its more general effect was to bring opprobrium on the Muslim world. (When an Egyptian zealot pronounced a similar fatwa against the Nobel Prizewinning novelist Najib Mahfius,

incidentally, he was sent to prison). The Muslims of Britain are still angry, having been stirred up by people with quite other interests than Rushdie's blasphemies. He does not escape criticism in the book, however. Brought up as a Muslim, he ought to have known that the book would give acute offence. But he could hardly have predicted it would lead to 21 violent deaths. Some whiningly self-righteous letters he wrote to Rajiv Gandhi are quoted. His book has been banned in India, Pakistan, and South Africa, but not, appar-

ently, in Iran.

There are several ironies in the situation. Rushdie and Khomeini are both hand-biters. Khomeini in the traditional way: after being given refuge in the West, he went home to launch a violent assault against it. Rushdie, more risibly, having bitten the hand of "Mrs Torture", then scuttled into the protective embrace of her police state. On his behalf Britain's tenuous diplomatic relations with Iran were broken, and incitement to murder him has been officially

migrant group most committed to Mrs Thatcher's ideals of family life and individual enterprise. Boxed in here by immigration laws, they feel more isolated than ever, their support from the British Left eroded. Ruthven argues that Mushim culture is still largely oral: in it language is seen as an instrument of power, not an object of cool, reflective contemplation. A Saturio Affair is calculated to raise the level of argument as the two colliding indignations continue to grind against each other.



Enter the cosmic joker

It is a growing phenomenon of current science fiction that it is having its concepts heftily re-arranged in the manner of a pugilist's face: knockabout rather than spaced-out. The Universe is becoming a laughing matter instead of anti-matter. Comie irony has entered the soul of the genre in a way I cannot recall in all my addicted years.

So, to the top-selling ranks of humorists such as Douglas Adams and Terry Pratchett, let us welcome Mr Rankin, whose pop-oriented narrative sometimes reads like The Sport newspaper made credible, and who can yet turn the idea of solipsism inside out so convinc-ingly that you wonder if the author is, in fact, dreaming the reader rather than the other way around. The story takes in a resurrected Elvis Presley, Pope Joan, and a

mass-murderous Dalai Lama, as

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GRAFTON BOOKS

Tom Hutchinson

SCIENCE FICTION ...

ARMAGEDDON The Musical By Robert Rankin Bloomsbury, £13.99

Rex Mundi starts working for Buddhavision and - escaping death by a thousand TV-edits finds that the whole planet Earth may be an alien television show. The book's structure could do

with a more severe scaffolding, and it will go on about Brussels sprouts to an extent that suggests a fetish. But the guffaws are there, all right, in a novel which, in approaching the mysteries of existence, is laughing instead of weeping - but, so dim-witted is the hero, he hasn't

quite heard and understood the

● Verbivore, by Christine Brooke-Rose (Carcanet, £12.95). Beneath the puns — a man called Perry Stryker, "who sang Freud with sang-froid" — is a chilling alarm about the info-tech age, when the mega-computers, bloated with too many words, start to byte back. A one-note idea that is stylishly accomplished, and to be read at a gn- (SPLUTTER). MESSAGE ENDS.

 Angel Station, by Walter Jon Williams (MacDonald/Orbis, £12.95). A spacewise crackler, with all the pavement street-jargon and then some, alive and swell and jiving in the persons of Ubu Roy courtesy of Alfred Garry — and his sister Beautiful Maria, trying to recover from bankruptcy after the suicide of their father. He fashioned his progeny from a clothing-rack of patched genes. Peli-mell pace, with poignant moments such as the death of an android mistress, and Dad's ghost haunting like Hamlet's

Pa - but in hologram form.

● Orbital Decay, by Allen Steele (Century/Legend, £14.95). Fron-tier-town stuff, reminiscent of a high-tech Western, revolving around the great revolver of Olympus Station, the Skycan, and the beamjacks such as Virgin Brace who gather there. Heinlein would not have been displeased to be quoted in this debut-context; it has that sort of grandeur.

● TekWar, by William Shatner (Bantam, £12.95). While acknowledging the help of writer Ron Goulart, Mr Shatner - Captain Kirk of Star Trek — was obviously determined to boldly go where none of his crew had gone before. The result "strides purposefully" over the clichés, as framed ex-cop, Jake Cardigan, is released from coma, and becomes a private eye. It says nothing that hasn't been said before, but it says it quite entertainingly. Jake has the makings of a TV hero, all right . . . to be played by William Shatner? As for me, I'll just watch the umpteenth re-run of the great original.

● The Dark Door, by Kate Wilhelm (Gollancz, £13.95). Science fiction's American doyenne re-introduces her husband-andwife investigators, Charlie and Constance, unlocking an Old Dark House interface between earth and Somewhere Else that's igniting fires. A readable mix of Agatha Christia and Close Frequenters and Christie and Close Encounters and

Englishwoman, good-looking, with red-gold hair, passionate energy, and something of a gift for charmand something of a gift for charming those who she felt might be of use to her. Her mother died when she was young. Her father was a captain in the 17th Lancers, posted to the Curragh a year after the Fenian Rising of 1867. The young Maud first identified herself with the Irish republican cause about the time of her father's death, when she was 20. She claimed in her autobiography that before his death he had resigned from the Army to

stand for Parliament as a Home

Rule candidate, but this was wish-

ful thinking.

and Gonne was a six-foot

Maud Gonne was a remarkable and independent woman, but her contribution to Irish politics seems mostly of mythological signifi-cance. She has been described as Ireland's Joan of Arc and also as Cathleen ni Houlihan, the personification of nationalist Ireland. She played the title role in W.B. Yeats's play about Cathleen ni Houlihan, and no doubt this assisted her contemporaries to halfcredit the notion that she was the woman promised in ancient legend,

possessed of magical powers and the strength to free Ireland from British rule. Yeats, himself an unrequited lover, called her first "a burning cloud", but his final poetic verdict has Maud Gonne as "the loveliest woman born/Out of the mouth of Plenty's horn", who had bartered that inheritance for "an old bellows full of angry wind" because she was cursed by "intellec-

tual hatred".

Even allowing for Years' bitterness (he once proposed marriage, Robert Nye

A nationalism coumed h

MAUD GONNE: IRE LAND'S JOAN OF ARC By Margaret Ward Pandora £8.99

first to Maud and then to litillegitimate daughter Iscult; and was turned down by both or the same day), this will strike the. disinterested reader of Margatti

Backbone of the nation

n September Women's Institutes all over the country will celebrate the founding of the first WI branch 75 years ago with - you've got it - a nice cup of tea.

It is this endearing determination to do what is sensible rather than what is sensible rather than what is fashionable that may ultimately, alas, be the WI's downfall in this image-conscious age. It must be one of the most loved and one of the most laughed-at of our national institutions, yet really it is a very serious organization, which, as these selections from its own as these selections from its own magazine show, was encouraging green living long before that fashionable phrase was ever coined.

Though the WI seems as English as the Pac-a-Mac, it was in fact a Canadian, Mrs Madge Robertson Watt, who brought this idea for bolstering up the Home Front across the Atlantic in 1915. Mrs Watt was clearly the right woman in the right place at the right time. Within a few years a National Federation had been formed, Queen Mary had requested the setting up of a branch at Sandringham, and the WI was launched on a programme of good works from which it has never rested since.

Anyone suffering, as I do, from rural nostalgia, should buy For Home and Country. It makes me deeply grateful that I do not have to manage an earth closet or wash up in the company of Major Philipson-Stow, author of a no-nonsense article "Washing Up - A Scientific Approach" (1946), whose method cannot have left much time for actually eating meals. The average pre-war WI member can hardly have known what leisure meant. If she had any, advertisements (some starring an alien with a death-wish. of the most fascinating things in the Hazel Leslie

FOR HOME AND COUNTRY: War, Peace and Rural Life as Seen Through the Pages of the WI Magazine 1919-1959 Compiled by Penny Kitchen Ebury Press, £5.99

book) urged her to take up beekeeping or make extra pin-money with a knitting machine. The chair made from an apple barrel (1922), though an interesting idea, is

obviously not for sitting on.
From very early on the WI made itself felt, pressing for improvements in village water supplies, rural transport and family health care and housing. With the Second World War it really came into its own. WI members threw them-

selves into the breach, welcoming serves into the oreach, wercoming evacuees, recycling old pots and pans for armaments, digging for victory, knitting balaclavas, renovating shabby clothes with hot bran (truly), and devising frugal yet nourishing recipes which, it was suggested, might be cooked in hayboxes to save fuel. They also preserved the nation's fruit crop by turning a large part of it into jam -an activity from which the WI's image has never recovered.

After the war the WI began to apply itself to environmental issues chemicals in the countryside, preservation of aucient buildings, the Keep Britain Tidy campaign. In 1930 the magazine quoted C. E. M. Joad's aphorism: "It will be said of this generation that it found England a land of beauty and left it a land of beauty spots." Well at least, thanks to the WI, the beauty-spots now probably contain a litter bin.



"How did she expect to get between the rows?", a WI cartoon of 1928

Back to

Edward Buscombe

LITTLE VERA By Maria Khmelik Translated by Cathy Porter Bloomsbury, £7.99

re the Russians just us? Glasnost has at he made it possible for artists Soviet society. Shall we now cover that 70 years of second engineering have produced a poster whose problems are only too family iar to us in the West? Little Vestion the heroine of a hugely successful moved and the presentation of the in novelized form. She lives with let parents in a cramped flat in a grint industrial port. her father drinks and is by turns quarrelsons mandlin.

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Since winning the Smarties Grand Prix in 1988 with a rather soppy book about a bear, Martin Waddell has been hot property as a supplier of texts for picture books. Last month saw no fewer than four turn up with his name on the title-page. Three of these were modish and insubstantial: but the fourth, The Hidden House, has altogether more distinction.

The text - which doesn't quite add up to a story — concerns three wooden dolls, hewn by an old man "to keep him company". Then the old man goes away and doesn't come back; and the three dolls sit quiet on their windowsill while their home is engulfed by trees and bushes and spiders' webs. Eventually, the webs. tually, though, rescuers arrive: a family with axes and ladders and paint-rollers. The house blooms with new life, and the wooden dolls

become part of a family again.

The plainness of Martin
Waddell's descriptions, broken only by occasional interjections, gives ample space for Angela Barrett's lavish pictorial accompaniment. She finds images that body

Out of the wood

CHILDREN

Brian Alderson

THE HIDDEN HOUSE By Martin Waddell Illustrated by Angela Barrett Walker Books, £7.95

out the bare bones of the words - a sapling bursts through a scullery floor, the rescuing family walk into the book down a tunnelled hedge-row, the dolls themselves sit out their vigil impassive but alive. These sensitive, detailed, never pretentious pictures are a fine example of the il-



On the trail of the native American

Navajo Indian rites are not what the English reader necessarily wants to know a great deal about, and it is a measure of Hillerman's skill that he manages to tell us a lot without being too boring. His sixth book featuring the Navajo detec-tives Joe Leaphorn and Jim Chee shows no signs of exhaustion with the theme. This time, though, some of the action shifts to Wash DC, where Chee is on the trail of an Indian rights militant museum curator, Leaphorn is seeking the identity of a man killed in the desert. Their cases expand and enmesh, casting spells on characters and readers alike.

• The Girl With The Red Suspenders, by Barbara Whitehead (Constable, £11.95). Sensitive widower Dave Smart stumbles on body of stunning social worker, respectably dressed but for the accessory of the title. A missing twin brother and an old friend of the family hold the clues, followed with increasing emotional commitment by the sympathetic Smart and young sidekick Jenny Wren, revealing along the way the seamy, ugly side of tourist York.

• Stalking the Angel, by Robert Crais (Piatkus, £11.95). Second appearance of wise-cracking Los Angeles private eye Elvis Cole does not disappoint. Uopleasant big businessman hires Cole to find family; but his teenage daughter vanishes at a reception in his

Marcel Berlins

TALKING GOD By Tony Hillerman Michael Joseph, £12.99



Casting spells: Tony Hillerman hooour. This is LA wearing oriental garb, teeming with eastern evil and un-American traditions. Fast moving and forever witty.

Other People's Money, by Arthur Lyons (Macmillan, £10.95). Another Los Angeles PI, Jacob Asch, seedier and gloomier than Cole, but no less attractive. Hired to follow a Turkish runaway girl and her Greek lover, Asch finds himself in dangerous pursuit of a of lost Hittite artefacts for a rich museum. To-the-point dialogue and tough action, but Asch is not a happy

 A Lesson in Dying, by Anne Cleeves (Mysterious Press, £11.95).
 Old-fashioned in the best sense: a much disliked headmaster found hanging in the schoolyard, and a small Northumbrian community, full of people with disparate homicidal motives, gradually revealing its nasty secrets, but not before more dying. A good debut for Inspector Stephen Ramsey: quiet, puzzled, very human.

 The Touch of a Vanished Hand, by Anthony Quogan (Macmillan, £10.95). Amiable playwright-sleuth Matthew Prior, asked to complete a musical started by recently dead former popstar, discovers dark doings in the late composer's life. Strange happenings in Canadian theatre-town devoted to J. M. Barrie has roots in Sixties Britain, Soperior writing and plotting, lashings of humour, altogether an excellent follow up to last year's impressive first-timer.

• The Body Politic, by Catherine Aird (Macmillan, £10.95). Mining expert returns unexpectedly from Middle East and promptly dies; a Tory MP receives oral and written death threats; a historical society uneasily re-enacts a Civil War battle. Aird's delicious concoctions are never less than elegant and manipulates her often bizarre plots and people with confidence.

In search of an England that never was

When you are rooted in a place, G. K. Chesterton once wrote, that place disappears. You take as given what should perhaps only be taken as lent; you assume as inherited that which should be invented. Nationhood becomes an attribute rather than an activity. English hiterature - and in particular English poetry — is full of instances of such "disappearance": again and again, poets define England at the expense of one group or another, or idealize as pastoral that which is in reality far from ideal. There is a direct link between such poets of the early 18th century and the

of the earning of the Georgians of the early 20th.

Chesterton (who was in fact discussing Kipling) took this disappearance of England to be a good thing — he was, in turn, part of this very tradition of disappearance, with his belief in a medieval Merrie England, and his romantic venera-tion of the decency of the little rural man. John Lucas, unsurprisingly, takes this disappearance to be a bad thing, and is himself part of a newer tradition of academic dissent rooted in the work of the critic Raymond Williams. This is, in-

nostalgic yearning of the Georgians

deed, part of the problem with Lucas's unsatisfactory book: Williams' The Country and the City is forever breathing down the neck of Lucas's slighter but derivative work. This particular territory is so well ploughed that all Professor Lucas can do is fall into the predictable furrows. The methodology is tried and

tested. You find out what version of England your selected poet (Clare, Gray, Wordsworth, who-ever) is offering. You note that this version is an idealization (usually a pastoral one) of harsh realities: where are the agricultural workers? Where are the references to Enclosures? And then, the inevitable conclusion — this poet's version of England is exclusive not inclusive, this poet is appropriating an authority - the authority to speak of and for England - which he does not in fact possess. When Raymond Williams first did this in a previous Hogarth Press book, it was thrilling: he drew our attention to those parts of England which had dis-appeared, which had been made invisible. He gave a voice to the voiceless. But John Lucas is far from thrilling: his methodology is borrowed, his insights merely bequeathed by better critics, his language as bare and banal as academic discourse can be without actually erasing itself from the page. still with his analyses of Goldsmith, Blake, Wordsworth, and Tennyson.

James Wood

ENGLAND AND **ENGLISHNESS** Ideas of Nationhood in English Poetry 1688-1900 By John Lucas The Hogarth Press, £18

It is this: all writers who write about England offer a version of England; but this does not necessarily mean that all writers are addressing ideas of nationhood, or what it means to be English. In writing about nationality, one has to keep the focus tight, or the categories simply expand and fill with air. Of course all English poetry is in some way to do with Englishness; but then all English poetry is also in some way to the state of the course way to the state of the categories also in some way. to do with language. Much of Professor Lucas's book is an uninspired survey of the main themes of 18th- and 19th-century poetry, with Englishness forced into the argument to make the critique a little more exciting. To take one instance, Lucas writes of Wordsworth's rewriting of some of the poems in The Lyrical Ballads. Rightly, he stresses that this was part of Wordsworth's adjustment from an earlier radicalism to a later conservatism. "And so, whereas in The Lyrical Ballads he had thrown into radical doubt any reductive idea of a unitary image of the people and, by implication of England and Englishness," so Wordsworth's image of the people becomes, "by implication", his image of England and Englishness.

Similarly, Lncas discusses Arnold's poem Dover Beach, and points ont (predictably enough) that Arnold lacks the authority be assumes, when he condemns the entire world as having "neither joy, nor love, not light". Lucas takes this - again by implication - to be a dismissal of England, since clearly, Dover Beach is on some level a poem about England. But on what level? That is surely the interesting question, one which Lucas will not answer, because he is too busy assuming that Arnold's poem is about England on all levels. And yet Arnold's elegy Thyrsis, which directly links the loss of England with the loss of a friend and fellow poet (Arthur Clough), does not appear in this book. But this is a poem directly, rather than indirectly, about England and Englishness. In this dangerous area of writing about nationality and its representations, in which the poor critic is beset by all temptations, one cannot live on implication alone.

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id's paperback study Maud ue: Ireland's Joan of Are as - e.or less true to the facts of the paphical case. Maud Gonne's electual hatred" was hatred of is English. In old age, she liked it in a low chair so that she ki bash the floor with her fist time she said the word and. She certainly campaigned lessiv all her life on behalf of ... Ic in Irish jails, but the phication here is that from the z of the Civil War this means

that she campaigned on behalf of Irishmen imprisoned by Irishmen. Her passions were straightforward, but her mind was not.

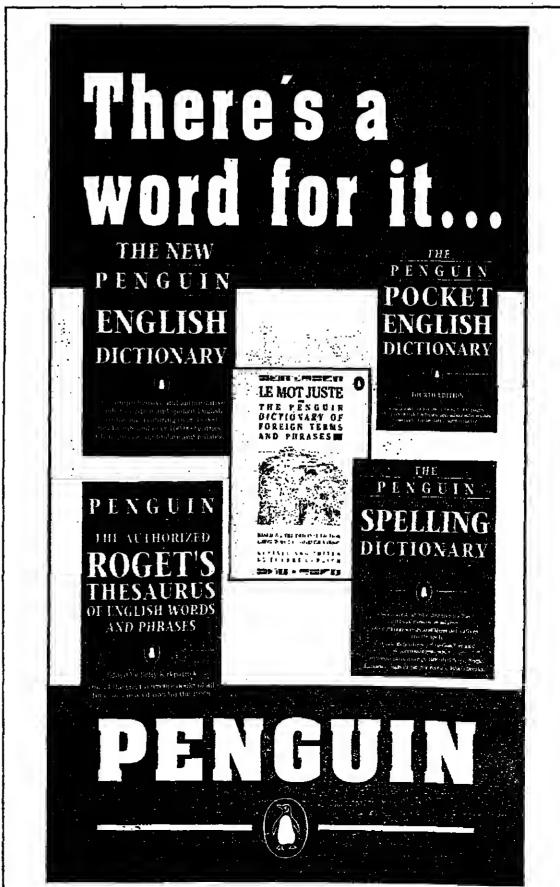
Margaret Ward tells an interesting story well on the whole, though I detected some discomfort in her attempts to make sense of Maud Gonne's political opinions later in life. She quotes, for example, an article which Maud Gonne wrote in 1938, entitled "Fascism or Communism", in which it was suggested that while Ireland might not "want to be either Communist or Fascist" it would be a good thing if Ireland had the courage to "look at the good points where the two contrary systems agree". Margaret Ward's comment on this is: "In this article Maud reveals herself to be on the side of progress and so I prefer to think of her as a social democrat, whether or not she would have described herself in those terms." Since this social democrat is admitted in the next sentence to have been also anti-Semitic, and then

pro-German, and her lover Millevoye was an anti-Dreyfusard of the far right, I prefer not to think what other social democrats will reckon of Miss Ward's attempt to get Maud Gonne into bed with them.

Her politics were at best a decent commitment to the struggle of the poor and the oppressed. At worst they came out as curious rhetorie regarding Ireland as "the allprotecting mother" who had to be released from "the bondage of the foreigner" in order to "protect her children". Since, at the same time, Maud Gonne also confessed to Years that she had an aversion to sex, I suspect that Sigmund Freud would have found her quite

BOOKS NEXT WEEK

Bettelheim, Enright, Mary Wesley, Narayan, Ginzburg



o the British viewer it is an reday story of city folk, a view of the late 1950s ward a new genre, the kitchendrama. The nearest thing to le Vera in British cinema is urday Night and Sunday Morn-Since then, countless imitations rievision have made a cliché out rban squaler and the boredom of istrict life. But to the Russians h things on the screen have all shock of the new. he great Russian writers of the

a century, such as Dostoevsky Gogol, certainly did not sky iron the seamy side of life the National Film Theatre in sion reveals that before the took a sombre, even morbid wof kuman existence. But since Soviet cinema has been at the vice of a relentless optimism, in th, with very few exceptions, al problems could only be thred if they were located firmly Dast. New, almost overnight. cans can see on the screen the depiction of alcoholism, teenbereing problems, pollumic shortages, all spiced with at Stalin. (The town itself is after Zhdanov, "whom Genlissimo Stalin had put in charge destroying the country's

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Obsessed by the past

fone were given to literary predictions, one might tip Janice Elliott to win the Booker Prize one day - or become one of those who shouldhave-done-so-hut-didn't-quite. This is not to say that she should have done so with Life on the Nile (Sceptre, £3.99), which, like the pyramids, looks flawed on close inspection. But it soars high enough above the desert to confirm that she

is a writer to be reckoned with. The central character is Mrs Charlotte Hamp, touring Egypt with husband Leo (a travel writer and amateur archaeologist) and a caravan of travelling companions. But their meanderings are only half the story. The sub-plot concerns her great-aunt Phoebe Duncan, the wife of a British colonial administrator, who was murdered in Egypt 60 years before. While others are browning themselves beside the pool, Charlotte pores over her file of Phoebe's letters, obsessed with uncovering the truth behind her

The weakness is that the mystery which surrounds this is more captivating for Charlotte than the reader. The balance between the 1920s and the 1980s, in a country where ancient and modern are so casually fused, is very clever. The gradual unfolding of the tale(s) until the final denouement and catharsis is well conceived and brilliantly executed. None the less, the epistles of Aunt Phoebe induce an irresistible tendency to skip.

Despite Charlotte's preoccupation with the past, it is the present which remains the more beguiling. Janice Elliott's dest descriptive work on Egypt is matched by her perceptive characterization. The strectwise American expatriate,

FICTION

Henry Stanhope

Hal Douglas, and the frail, elderly Jew, Max Stiller, are surpassed only by the cameo of Pansy Duncan, Aunt Phoebe's "baby" daughter, now a sick recluse in a grubby room above a shop in the bazzar. Istanbul, with its gleaming cu-

polas and silvery Bosponis, provides the setting for Penelope Gilliatt's novel, A Woman of Singular Occupation (Penguin £4.99). The heroine in this case is Catherine Rochefauld, the musically gifted wife of a Vichy French diplomat, Jean-Pierre, from whom is estranged by her own affiliation to de Gaulle.

No sooner has Catherine set foot in Istanbul (after getting out of Paris hefore the advancing Wehrmacht) than she starts an affair with a young banker whom she bumped into on the Orient Express. The intrigue, however, is by no means exclusively amorous. The undercurrents of war ripple through this antique neutral city, enguifing all in espionage and danger. This sounds like - and could very well become - a Hollywood film script. As a narrative it is somewhat over-cryptic. The love affair drifts rather than progresses, and the menace never quite materializes. Someone takes a pot shot at Catherine at a party and shatters her neighbour's wine glass as she ducks. But the sang-froid displayed suggests (but falls short of) a send-up. In another highly promising encounter, Catherine

confirms to her husband that he has been cuckolded while thrashing

him in a quiet game of draughts.

But Jean-Pierre, like everybody else, turns out to be a distressingly good loser. Sall, the blend of light romance, cryptic plots and Cinemascopic scenery must surely secince a producer one of these days.

Among Women Only (Sceptre, £3.99) was written by Cesare Pavese shortly before his suicide in 1950. It concerns the relationships between a group of women, particularly between the materially successful Clelia and the emotionally disturbed Rosetta, in postwar Turin. Beceath the interminable round of pleasure-seeking, there remains a feeling of loneliness and vacuum which culminates in the novel's tragic end. It clearly reflects Pavese's own despair, but now reads like a period piece of literature in which it is hard to feel personally involved.

Nina Bawden's novel, A Little Love, A Little Learning (Virago, £4 99), is set not many years later than Signor Pavese's, in London during Coronation year. But any similarity between the two books

Narrated by Kate, one of three young sisters, this is the tale of a middle-class English doctor's household, whose serenity is shattered by the past when Aunt Hat, an old frieod of the family, comes to

Ms Bawden's characters remain creatures of fiction who rarely acquire a third dimension. She is, however, a polished storyteller, whose books have a beginning, a middle and an end. The result is a readable, intelligent (dare one say?) woman's novel whose transatiantic pace and style (even the names, like Boyd and Ellen, sound American) should guarantee her another

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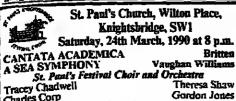
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THE ARTS

When the funding dries up

TELEVISION

Sheridan Morley

In the week when Richard Luce. the Minister for the Arts, announced what promises to be either another rearrangement of the deckchairs on the Titanic or the greatest rethinking of regional Arts Council policy in its history, BBC 2's Public Eye last night came up with a useful survey of the whole subsidy-versus-sponsorship

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DINNING.

True, the only reference to this week's story came in the last line of Peter Taylor's commentary, and the report was also oddly outdated in failing to note such recent developments as the imminent re-opening of the Royal Court's Theatre Unstairs.

But the central thesis was more adequately explumded: at a time when the Royal Shakespeare Company and Covent Garden are each £3 million in the red, and when the National Theatre and English National Opera are likely to report £500,000 deficits, sponsorship is proving at best to be an only marginal solution. Meanwhile, the coming of the poll tax will reduce the role of local conscits still further,

Any arts company's budget still has to come from somewhere. The RSC, the company most diately threatened by its need to close at the Barbican, is managing to pay more than half its only 30 per cent to be found by a government which has resolutely refused to keep its own promises by index-linking its grant. Meanwhile, Royal Insurance is

said to be reconsidering its RSC sponsorship; the breath is being squeezed out of the Bard; and by its constant economic besitations, the Arts Council is encouraging commercial backers to behave likewise, ludeed, Mr Luce achieved an extra £3 million for the council last year, but that arrested the crisis only temporarfly, If you have the vision, as Terry Hands said on last night's programme, the funds can always be found. The problem is that visions seem not to be very high on the present Government agenda.

Mere cheerfully, last night's Arpua (BBC 2) was a little gem bought in from Spike Lee in New York. At a time when, as Richard Marrison recently noted in these columns, a capella singing in Britain seems to be the exclusive property of nice young men from Oxfiridge, in Brooklyn it belongs to black groups of immense choreographic energy. This was rightly celebrated by Lee in a wonderfully quirky film that should serve as a model to arts producers here for its enthusiasm

Discs and jockeys

RADIO Martin Cropper

The Gloria Hunniford Gold Cup Special (Radio 2, Thursday) will have puzzled those punters who thought that the Cheitenham Gold Cup was sponsored by the Tote. May we now look forward to the Brian Redhead Grand National? But the real question is why Humiford had been chosen to front the coverage of National Hunt racing's day of days. Terry Wogan at the Eurovision Song Contest makes perfect sense, because it is a case of like talking to like. Hunniford at the Chelten-

ham festival was just Irish.
With her first record, "Murphy's Dancing Pig", the nature of
her audique became clear: hlind her audiquee became clear: hlind Hiberuian expatriates with a taste for feeble mustic. Racing favourites such as "Western In The Survey of t such as "We're In The Money",
"Hey Big Spender" and "Iu The
County" were interspersed with : - 'on-the-spot interviews.

She decided early on that the occasion was exciting, and sought confirmation from many sources. She proved herself an adept of the art of asking questions that seem to require precise answers but are in fact open-ended. "What was it like? How did you feel? How confident are you?"

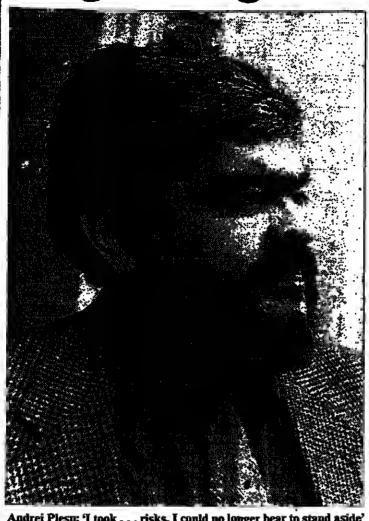
Horse sense is the faculty that prevents horses betting on humans. Everyone canvassed was terminally confident about the chances of the great white hope Desert Orchid, which as we know took the most tremendous bath. "He's not going to let his punters down, is be," John McCririck had grahed.

There is satisfaction to be derived from hearing 90 minutes of foregone conclusions oversumed by events. Then, when Desert Orchid's owner finally emerged. he met the full blow-torch of the Hunniford third-degree: "At what state mere her extremely morried that he wasn't going to make it?" Then we heard "The Whistling

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Andrei Plesu once risked death on behalf of a jailed poet. Now the Minister of Culture faces different problems, Sanda Miller writes

Fighting the good fight in Romania



Andrei Plesu: 'I took . . . risks. I could no longer bear to stand aside'

had oot seen Andrei Plesu for a decade. When I was ushered into his grand ministerial office in Bucharest I felt apprehensive. Would I recognize the young writer with whom I used to haunt the streets and cafes of Bucharest in the late 1970s, when I returned to my country of birth on a three-month British Council exchange

scholarship? My anxieties were groundless. As affectionate and mischievous as ever, Romania's oew Minister of Culture greeted me with a story about an interview he had given in his car to a particularly insistent BBC journalist. He had been delighted when she discovered she had failed to record it.

Although a professional art historian and a successful writer. Plesu has attained his present positioo almost by accident. In January 1989, in an official memorandum, he volunteered a full analysis of the political crisis in Romania.

"During the last years of the dictatorial regime, I took more public risks. I could no longer bear to stand aside." The memorandum, according to Plesu, put on paper all the verbal grumblings of the Romanian intelligentsia.

It was apparently received courteously. "I was even called and praised for my courage." Meanwhile, the poet Mircea Dinescu was arrested for publishing an interview in Liberation openly criticizing the regime.

Plesu was one of six writers who signed a formal letter of protest.

This led to Plesu being exiled to arts institutions were hardly supa village in oorthern Moldavia, where he remained uotil the revolution, after which Dinescu censor and lackey. Plesu has (by oow in the forefroot of the new National Salvatioo Front) suggested that Plesu become Minister of Culture.

The task is clearly a struggle. He spoke frankly: "I am tired and not doing so well because the existing structures are difficult to eliminate and the mentalities even more so. Thus I have to spend my time on trivia, such as fighting to replace incompetent personnel. People are scared of change; they put up fierce resistance with which I battle every day until apoplexy."

The problems are made worse

by the small budget for culture under the Ceausescu regime: 600 million lei (£17 million), twothirds of which was immediately designated for the despised Cintarea Romaniei": an annual folly of monumental proportions consisting of amateur artistic manufestations in praise of the two leaders and their party.

Everyone in the country was expected to take part in this festival, held in July or August in all the towns and villages. Because Ceausescu openly loathed the highhrow arts, he used to encourage the ordinary people to perform, in the belief that the natural talent of the Romanians would surpass that of professiooals.

This, of course, had a shattering

revolutioo - are in poor shape, effect oo the morale of actors, riddled with bullets. singers and painters. The national Plesu intends to decentralize the arts, to allow independence to ported and the sole function of the

old minister of culture was as a publishers, and especially to encourage translations of political and scientific material from managed to double this budget to a level not equalled since 1944, abroad. New insotutions will also "hut twice a small sum is still a be founded; an institute of orieotal small sum" studies and a museum of religious I can confirm the magnitude of "all of which costs his problem. Sitting for a time in money ... we need to put up a the Romanian provisional pargood fight".

liament, I heard the view ex-Plesu's policy is to draw ioto pressed that with industry and official cultural decision-making agriculture in a state of collapse, the intellectuals previously rethe arts should be left to the end of garded as dangerous dissideois. The problem is that the intellec-Yet in less than three months in tuals fear the political situatioo office. Plesu has produced a whirlwind of change. Every single theatre has a new director. Andrei may change once more after the elections on May 20. Until then, Plesu is unable to find people with Serban, who lived io the West and the right qualities 10 run the recently directed Prince Igor at ministry. The people io the administration in the past had no Covent Garden, has just agreed to become director of the National training whatsoever, and few people in the country have suitable experience or education to lesu is especially keen to

meet the oew conditions. Plesu says his role is administrative, rather than political -"unlike that of Vaclav Havel for instance" - and hopes that he might bring to politics "a very necessary type of dilettantism . . . a kind of freshness the West has lost". But there was something familiar about his purpose as he swept away in the ministerial car, after a brief embrace "I am off to see the Prime Minister. Petre Roman, to haggle for more

Working hard, saying little

THEATRE

Benedict Nightingale

Sunday in the Park with George Lyttelton

This is a musical about an aloof, dedicated artist whose work often proved too strange for the critics and public; about a perfectionist who laboured with a strenuous delicacy to get the timest detail

right. In short, it is a musical about Stephen Sondheim. True, the nominal subject is the painter Scurat At root, however, it is camouflaged self-portrait and composer has penned. Hence its intermittent fascination and also, perhaps, the tedium which its visual wit and musical bravura cannot disguise.

Steven Pimlott's production,

basic problem is that we know no more aboot the hermit Seurat than

about the recluse Soodheim. He spent his short life saying little, working hard, and doing nothing much else but father ooe child, who died young. What plot can the librettist, James Lapine, find in this human vacuum? Not much. Since Seurat is busy

on his vast Grande Jatte, its human figures wander round the park where he painted it, chatteriog, quarrelling, conductiog amours. But the impression they give is as skimpy as you would expect, given that their purpose is to appear in an impressionistperiod picture. That leaves Seurat himself, his grumpy mother, a snooty academician called Julius, credo, as personal a show as its and an imaginary mistress, Dot.

But they prove wretchedly predictable. "Always changing! Why keep chaoging?" typically hurrumphs Gary Raymond's Julius. Meanwhile, Maria Friedman's Dot and Philip Quast's Seurat play weaker than its American proto- that old, sad game, neglectful artist

type, does not always help; but the and exploited helpmate."Yes, George, run to your work, hide behind your painting," she wails. "I am not hiding in my canvas, I

am living in it," he retorts. A bit later, and she is dangling their infant daughter over his palette, while he reacts with the conscientious brutality traditionally ascribed to genius; "you're blocking my light".

So much for Act I. There remains a longish coda in which George's greatgrandson, also an artist, has parallel troubles with the American cognoscenti. In the Broadway original, his work consisted of criss-crossing laser beams; here, it is a "mixed media" spree, with androgynous mimes cavorting in coloured lights. Either way, the result is a trip to Paris and an inspirational meeting with Dot's ghost, who urges the lad to "move on".

There is visual delight in the way Seurat assembles the characters into a giant replica of La Jatte itself. But it is engineered more spariogly and awkwardly than io New York. Moreover, Friedman's spirited Dot is the only principal whose voice and personality both come strongly over the footlights. Beside Mandy Patinkin's original George, Quast seems underpowered and over-amiable.

But there remain Sondheim's score, with its drive, hustle, and pointilliste plunks and plonks. The music can be melodious, the lyrics amusing; hot at their most striking you feel they are obsessively tapping, hammering, grinding their way into the mind of Seurat as he experiments with colour, decides how to paint a hat, or thinks his way into a dog's ego.

That, if anything, is the show's justification. It is undramatic and dull. But the best of its songs represent Soodheim the introvert, Sondheim the ravelled pioneer, restlessly and often dissonantly evoking the creative process and its meaning for those artists who can say, with him, with Seurat: "I



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ional Museum is the distinguished

art historian Teodor Enescu, and a

Byzantine scholar, Professor

Ravan Teodorescu, is the new

president of Romanian Tele-

vision, which will in future be

independent. At present the stu-

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Facehous choreography to the music of Mozart: I Surrender, Dear by Adventures in Motion Pictures important new talent, but we need Marley, another much-hyped ex-

DANCE

John Percival

Adventures in

Motion Pictures The Place

Why is it that graduates of the Laban Centre, named after one of the most intellectual of modern

dance pioneers, go in for so much facetious choreography? The very title of Matthew Bourne's group, Adventures in Motion Pictures, lets you know to get our categories right. What Laban choreographer. I Surrenboth are offering is a form cabaret entertainment. As such, I suppose Bourne is the

most gifted. His latest offering is a series of sketches about English attitudes to French life and culture.

Every possible stereotype is in The Infernal Galop, but there are a couple of original ideas, too: the slowest can-can you ever saw and an amusing mer-man who is caught by some cheerful sailors. The action could be tightened

- or, perhaps, one persoo with imaginary playmates - getting psyched op for a late night at the Simon Vincenzi's designs put

der. Dear seems to be about people

the whole cast in to drahly-cut manve frocks which suit the women almost as little as they do the chaps. The largest section of the collage score is borrowed from Mozart. Marley's attempt to put steps to

this is not to be compared seriously with Aistoo's for Rambert the night before. But it does bring the score for the week to Wolfgang Amadeus two, British choreog-

Maria Friedman as the spirited Dot: a strong voice and personality am what I do." Power limps towards weariness

Jeremy Kingston

Births, Marriages and Deaths Southampton

This slow and limping play about student ideals corrupted by chance and pride has been described by someone high up in TV South as a powerful theatre piece. But he would, wouldn't he, because his company and Tyne Tees have come in with the Nuffield to produce a stage play which will subsequently become a six-part television serial.

What this turns out to be like I gratefully leave to my colleague in the top-left corner of this page to

watching it, tear at his beard and probably end up throwing his TV dinner at the set.

In the theatre we have to behave ourselves, when what we really want to do is dash out in the interval to huy a bag of old tomatoes and throw them at someone. Not at the cast, who do what they can with the foolish lines and skeletal characters they have been told to animate. Some fail more dismally than others, but it is towards Nigel Baldwin, the author, that the squashy vegctables should wing their way. Especially as he is the director,

The three scenes of the first half show us five students at a school

discover. At least he will be able to of journalism in 1973. All are pace up and down his room while having affairs with each another and betraying friends while rabbiting on about the treachery of the capitalist press.

The second half brings the poor saps together again in 1990. Surprise, surprise, some have sold out to the Establishment, the mousey student has become a heroic froot-line journalist, and so

A writer alert to the way chaps, giris, journos, novelists ("It's a lonely joh") actually talk in one another's company might have made something of this theme.

Emma Dewhurst and Joe Caffrey, wheel-bound reporter and vindictive schoolboy, generate moments of credibility, but what a weary evening to sit through.

Manic vision under the microscope

CONCERT

Hilary Finch Philharmonia/Sinopoli

Festival Hall It was, for once, a programme tailor-made for Giuseppe Sinopoli. That manie microscope viston, those wilful tempi, those glutinous legatos about which he has been harangued for the best

part of the week, could at last come into their own. Of course, that is not to say that his would be everyone's idea of Ravel and Schoenberg. But the Valses nobles et sentimentales thrive on the capricious, and give

off a certaio heady scent of their own when every fine-grained chord, every vein of melody is picked up hy hyper-sensitive antennae. It is one way of doing Ravel which can, and oo Thursday night did, come off.

Schoenberg's challenge to Sicopoli was the sheer size of his orchestra for the symphonic poem Pelleas und Melisande and the polyphonic complexity of the core. Sixty-four strings, quadruple woodwinds, eight horns and much more: we certainly did hear them all and in circumstances in which the undue prommence of certain soloists only served to heighten the hurdeosome qualities of this score. Again, Sinopoli conducted as if

he were recomposing the music. But with its trombone glissando, its plaited tresses of woodwind, its own suffocating melding of iostrumental voices, whether in scherzo or in rhapsody, this is music which is fascinated, obsessed even, with its own craft. Sinopoli's reading emphasized a vulgarity genuinely at its heart.

Sibelius, 100, wrote incidental music for Maeterlinck's Pelleas. However, this was the night of the Violin Concerto, and Kyung-Wha Chung responded to Sinopoli's extreme orchestral pianissimi by playing of platinum perfection, retaining the tension of its difficultues while cifordessly surring the more inert passages of its orchestral writing.

up and so could the performances, hut the costumes hy David Manwhat to expect. Bourne, like Lea ners are neat. Anderson with her two segregated The first half of the show is groups, is seriously talked of as an given over to a new piece by Jacob raphers nil. Flat Roof Problems?

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High on farmyard and trolls

O Grieg. Ibsen's Peer Gynt was "the most unmusical of subjects"; so the score which at last flowed from his pen is as much of a miracle as Declan Donellan's current National Theatre staging of a play which Ibsen himself originally conceived only in the mind of the reader.

With the upsurge of interest in Ibsen and, thanks to BBC Radio, in all things Scandinavian, any new recording of Grieg's Peer Gynn is likely to come under close scrutiny. What is more, Herbert Blomstedt's single disc of most of the incidental music, with some dialogue, comes only a year after Neeme Järvi's two-disc complete recording with the Gothenburg Symphony Orchestra, so comparison is inevitable.

What we lose in the San Francisco's version is much of the dialogue, and the fragments which Grieg wrote for the episodes of the Woman in Green and Peer at the Statue of Memnon. We also miss the wedding dances for which Järvi obligingly hired a real Hardanger fiddler.

The most substantial shortfall of Blomstedt's recording, though, is in the orchestral playing itself. After his outstanding recordings of Nielsen, it is disappointing to hear his orchestra produce such a laboured lament for lagrid, such a scrawny "Morning". These two pieces need the nicer balance and pacing, the longer breaths and the opalescence of Jarvi's players. Blomstedt, though, certainly scores on the cow-dung and the trolls. His herd-girls may remain prima donnas, but the sheer plod and odour of The Hall of the Mountain King is there in the rhythmic hits of the strings and the raw cries of his Nordic trolls. A delectable Solveig offers consola-tion in this recording, too: Mari-Anne Haegeander sings with a line as creamy as summer milk in the

CLASSICAL

Hilary Finch

Grieg: Incidental Music to Peer Gynt San Francisco Symphony/Blomstedt (Decca 425

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Bruckner: Symphony No 6
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Ibsen's Peer Gynt and of Sibelins's Second Symphony He sketched the second theme of its Andante while be was in Florence and, like Ibsen, revealed himself as ever more the man of the north the further south be went. Jukka-Pekka Saraste brings out that archerype of "northernness" as we hear it in Sibelius in a dreamlike, under-stated performance of the symphony, stronger on subtlety than on swagger, more at home in the tensions of the slow movement than in the more extrovert energies of the first and last.

The opening, in fact, lacks impetus, and the recording, too, needs more acoustic space to enable the thematic material to glow out in bold relief. A somewhat charmless trio in the Scherzo leads into a Finale in which the woodwind's perky theme loses some of its thrill when moving into the major, simply because adequate momentum has not been built up. Saraste and the Finnish Radio Symphony Orchestra are at their best in the cameos which imaginatively fill out this disc.

The meditative playing be draws so well from the strings is ideally suited to the fittle-known "Scene with cranes". Like the "Valse triste", this vignette comes from the incidental music Sibelius igh pasture. wrote for his brother-in-law's play,
Italy was the birthplace of both Death; and Saraste captures well

the volatility of pulse and tempo within each piece. Nightride and Sunset, a 13-minute tone poem, is excitingly played its long gallop is driven on through a landscape of ostinate-like rhythmic patterns voiced by tense woodwind and the tambourine jingle of a horse's belis.

Bruckner is beginning to flood the record market, and it is quite some inundation. Just two examples from the many new perfor-mances and re-releases on offer have prompted the generally heretical thought that, for our decade, private listening might well do for Bruckner what live performances can fail to do. For, compared with Mahler, Bruckner is still not a box-office draw. It is almost as if, coming from the byperactivity of our multi-faceted daily lives, we find Bruckner's mighty system of branching, organie growth almost too much to take in at once. Our concentration spans can baulk when faced with romantic music which is devoid of any self-dramatization, any ironic pose to hang on to.
As Robert Simpson has written

of the Fourth Symphony, Bruckner created a new type of finale: one motivated not by dynamic culmination, but by the "uncovering of a deep layer, an objective state, behind or beneath the rest". That state may, for many listeners, be best discovered in the solitude of private listening Riccardo Chailly and the Royal Concertgebouw certainly have Bruckner coursing through their veins, and they offer a lucid, single-eyed approach to the Fourth

This is not a performance which overwhelms in its commitment indeed it is probably one of the least "Romantie" of readings of this eponymously named work, Chailly keeps the first movement light and mobile, letting the famous Bruckner triplets slip by perhaps just too easily, but coaxing the sweetest of playing from the woodwind as the air thins. The is demanded in terms of long-term



Bruckner coursing through his veins: light and mobile, Riccardo Chailly coaxes "the sweetest of playing from the woodwind as the air thins"

performers of rock. To qualify for album during that time. The

second movement discovers Bruckner's sense of chaste distance, with a lean cello line, vibrato not overdone, pauses not

Bruckner's Sixth, the Cinderella among the symphonies, is tackled by Christoph Eschenbach's Schleswig-Holstein Music Festival Orchestra. In the circumstances of a live, one-off festival performance by a body of widely-drawn players, this was perhaps a wise choice: less

visinn and deeply assimilated wisdom. Bruckner, in fact, called this the cheekiest of his symphonies, and Eschenbach plays up the first movement's metrical complexities, and the fleet miniaturism of the Scherzo with its spectral Trio. He is at his best in the sighing chromatic lyncism of the second movement's finely graded string writing at his weakest in the firm control of texture and tempo still essential in the outer two movements.

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In the wake of their hit "Got
to Have Your Love", the rapper
MC Tee and DJ Mantronik
pool another educated collection
of beats and rhymes. The

results are sparky enough, but do not quite fit into either the

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primeval or the New Age

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categories of rap.

Gunning for the emotions

ow that Courtney Pine temporarily dropped from view, it is Steve Williamson's turn to dominate the jazz media. Another former member of the Jazz Warriors hig band, Williamsoo has been a cult figure on the London circuit for the past two or three years. But while Pine has already released three solo records plus a film soundtrack, William-

son has only now made his debut. Recorded in New York and London, Waltz for Grace confirms his position as the most impassioned of the new saxophonists. His aggressive, selfconfident stance is sure to make this a popular choice aming his club audiences. Whether it will have as much impact beyond that sphere remains to be seen. Though there are flashes of brilliance in this album - and some faultless playing from the rhythm section there is also the same problem that has affected his live concerts. Williamson too readily slips into JAZZ

Clive Davis

Steve Williamson Waltz for Grace (Verve 843-088) Marcus Roberts Deep In the Shed (Novus 83078) Mike Westbrook Band Off Abbey Road (Enja/TipToe CD888-805)

bombast, taking a sawn-off shotgun to virtually every solo. Over an entire album, the result is predictable. For all their harmonic sophistication, jazz gunslingers can be just as boring as heavy metal axe-heroes.

Nevertheless, the album is memorable for its strong melodies. Unlike some of his contemporaries, Williamson rarely seems to be indulging in classroom exercises. With the American saxophonist Steve Coleman acting as producer on most of the tracks. the band creates a convincing blend of American and Caribbean

"Visions", a ballad from Stevie Wonder's 1973 album Innervisings, allows an all too rare moment of introspection. With Dave Gilmore adding guitar accompaniment, Williamson's understated approach comes as a stark cootrast to the rest of the

If much of Williamson's work is overheated, pianist Marcus Rnberts comes weighted down with the cerebral ideology of the threepiece suit, neo-conservative school of young musicians. In these quarters, emotion is treated with suspicion, if not disdain.

A sideman with Wynton Marsalis, Roberts went solo last year, going to the top of the jazz album charts with The Truth Is Snoken Here. Its successor covers similar ground, the six self-penned compositions played with impeccable manners by a band that includes saxophonists Todd Williams and Herb Harris and the trombonist Wycliffe Gardon.

"Nebuchadnezzar" opens with a stately march, faced with Ellington-style reeds voicings. But the Duke would surely oever have stood for such stiff-necked soloing. For the rest, it is difficult to keep subversive thoughts at bay, especially when so many of the titles - "Spiritual Awakening", "Mysterious Interlude" sound like cast-offs from the bad old days of Emerson, Lake and

Mike Westbrook's latest project comes as something of an antidote, in the form of a re-working of the Beatles' Abbey Road. First commissioned for a festival in Reggin Emillia, the work had its London premiere last month. The live recording, from a perfurmance at the Willisau Jazz Festival, sbnws that Westbrook has not lost his ability to find unexpected depths in over-familiar songs. Phil Minton's vocals are still impossibly eccentric, but the idea of Andy Grappy's tube introducing "I Want You" is hard to resist.

With their penchant for complex, neo-symphonic compositions, Genesis were one of the most wearying of the English progressive bands which emerged from the underground during the early Seventies like tangled weeds pushing through the cracks in the glam rock paving. The double "concept" album The Lamb Lies Down on Broadway (1974) is the weightlest monument to this earnest and unnecessarily convoluted formula. When vocalist Peter Gabriel left in 1975, the group's down name descriptions and sight, to demise was not so much predicted as assumed, but

demise was not so much predicted as assumed, but drummer Phil Collins took over the singing for A Trick of the Tall (1976) and nobody noticed the difference. That album introduced a new, relatively direct approach on songs like "Squonk", and an epic finate, "Los Endos", which has remained part of the live show to the present. In the Eighties Genesis metamorphosed into a mainstream, transatlantic, hit singles band, but even by the time of their fourth No 1 album, Invisible Touch (1986), they had alienated mysteriously few of their original fans.

inclusion in this series, an act entries are designed to be pasted and misses of rock history.

he genial old buffers who pro-claimed themselves Built to Last in 1989 were, of course, nothing of the sort. As residents of Halght the sort. As residents of flaight Ashbury, and the house band for Ken Kesey's notorious "Acid Test" happenings in 1965-6, at which copious quantities of the then-legal drug LSD were distributed freely to band and audience alike, the Dead were at the fragile epicentre of San. Francisco's counter-culture. Their music has always those quelity somewhat at odds with their

counter-culture. Their music has always had a light, trippy quality somewhat at odds with their doomy name, and draws on a mixture of country, R'n'S, folk, rock and jazz. A group much given to the extended jam, and never wholly at ease in the recording studio, they have released five double-live and one triple-live abum (Europe '72), all of variable quality. A brace of studio releases from 1970 — Workingman's Dead and American Beauty — highlight their scrappy, harmony folk-rock at its best, but it was not until the remarkable 1987 album, in the Dark, that the band produced a fully rounded set, and was rewarded by easily the biggest hit of its career. rewarded by easily the biggest hit of its career.

NEXT WEEK: Al Green, Green On Red

Vinyl floored?

Despite the rumours, the days of the LP are far from over. Mike Nicholls reports

music fans who prefer oldfashioned plastic to the technologically advanced compact disc. Last year sales of compact discs exceeded those of ordinary albums for the first time. While vinyl LP sales plunged by 30 per cent, 43 per cent more CDs were bought than in the previous t2 months. As if this were not bad enough, all the major stores in the United States have stopped ordering 7in singles.
As most artists' album sales are

related to the success of their singles, this could mean the end of an era. Singles buyers are being forced to switch to the CD and cassette formats which currently command less than 10 per cent of the UK market. Another nail was hammered into the vinyl coffin this week when a director of HMV announced that within five years none of its shops would be

stocking plastic, 7in or 12in.
On the face of it there seems little left to do but chuck out the old turntable and spend a few hundred pounds on a compact disc player. Trevor Butler of Hi Fi News says: "Most new classical records are now only available on CD and the majority of our letters are from readers complaining that they have literally been forced to go out and buy CD machines. But just because the Americans are trying to phase out vinyl doesn't mean the same will happen here. No one's going to throw away

huge collections over night."
Britain's two biggest record companies feel there is life left in the vinyl format - "at least until the end of the century", predicts
Jonathan Murrish of CBS. "In 1979 some pundits reckoned cassette sales would exceed those of albums within three years. In the event it took seven. But there'll always be a market for vinyl, whether it's for special products

bese are hard times for like 12in dance records or old recordings which haven't trans-ferred well to CD."

Terri Anderson points out that EMI has a vested interest in keeping vinyl alive - the company owns the biggest manufacturing facility in the UK. "So not only do we intend to continue producing the format for our own titles, but also for the other companies whose records we press."

Recent sales figures indicate that vinyl is still popular, particularly around the dance floors of Britain, Between 1984 and 1988, vinyl album sales dropped slightly, while sales of singles plummeted until last year, when

they registered a substantial rise. There is a correlation between this rise and the vinyt album slump. The single is the staple of the dance market which last year ruled the top 40. Few artists sold anything like as many albums as they did singles. Black Box, whose "Right on Time" topped the singles chart for six weeks, didn't

even release an LP. The key to last year's figures could lie with back catalogues vintage albums which are being released on CD for the first time. A random sample revealed that in one record store up to 50 per cent of CD sales are classic items by artists such as the Beatles. Rolling Stones, Bob Dylan, Led Zeppelin and the Stranglers. Other stores estimated that 20 per cent of their CD sales were accounted for by back-catalogue material.

In other words, if it were not for the old releases CD sales would not have overtaken thuse of vinyl This should convince the powers that be that now is not the time to be thinking of phasing out vinyl. Or, as the spokeswoman for Our Price observes: "If HMV wants in stop selling vinyl it means more profit for us."

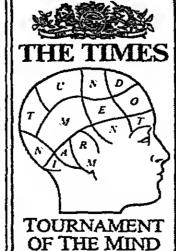
JAZZ UPDATE Frank Morgan Mood Indigo (Antilles 91320) After a career dogged by drug addiction, the West Coast atto player unleashes a dashing quartet recording.

Stan Getz The Girl From ipanema - The Bossa Nova Years (Verve 823611, four CDs/cassettes) Five albums and assorted off-cuts from the most

commercially successful phase nf Getz's career. Getz/Gilberto is the highlight, of course, but the other sessions are not to be overlooked.

Astrud Gilberto The Astrud Gilberto Album (Verve 823009) Marty Paich contributes the string errangements to the string errangements to the singer's debut solo elbum. It all sounds hopelessly Sixties now, but the nostalgia gradually works its spell.

Tournament of the Mind



 Round 11 of The Times Tournament of the Mind includes a clever test of your word power and a general knowledge question that is sure to perplex.

 Entrants are playing for the chance to win £5,000, the top prize from success in the finals and a special timed play-off. The top school team will be decided from the final five rounds. School teams are playing for a Hewlett Packard computer.

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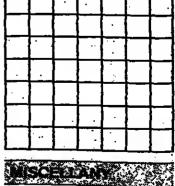
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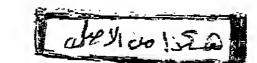
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Francesca Greenoak pays a spring visit to a family-run business enjoying the surge of interest in new and unusual plants

Little nursery treasures

vigorous interest in plants, the special plants, they produced choice is better than ever before. 20,000 of the mallow Lavetera that is to a great extent thanks to thuringiaca Barnsley in 1988. the eager activity of organizations of plant you desire. But a move redies a range of different ther than the standard as percolated through to parden centres and multiples.

The family-run nursery of Hopleys has gained a reputation for introducing many interesting new plants into pardens during the past few years. It has a foot in both camps, as it sells direct from its nursery at Much Hadham in Hertfordshire and also grows plants for garden centres. All but a very few of the plants it sells are propagated from its own garden, or from seeds exchanged or collected. What started off as a hobby has become a business for Dr Davis Barber and his wife, Barbara, a

retired GP and former physiotherapist respectively. In 1984 their son. Aubrey, gave up his engineering job to apply his skills in the nursery. Other staff work full and part-time yet, despite the expansion, the nursery feels very domestic and friendly.

Success has meant more kinds of plants, rather than more of each type; not for Hopleys the mass production of French marigolds or glaring antirrhinums. Back in 1976. when the Barbers produced the excellent potentilla Red Ace, realiz-

he arrival of spring ing they could not cope with the prompts a surge of plants huge demand for it they gave for sale in garden centres Blooms of Bressingham the licence and nurseries, and this to sell it. They are better able now year, riding the crest of a to manage larger numbers of some

This large pale mallow, with its pink-kissed centre, still sells in symbe National Council for pink-kissed centre, still sells in Champervation of Plants and large quantities. It has done very sells and the Hardy Plant well in gardens, achieving unheard large quantities. It has done very which will soon be produc-form edition of The Plant winters, this year the main danger Winters; this year the main danger the invaluable guide to has not been cutting frosts, but the winds. Bearing in mind the forecast of more windy winters, it would probably be a sensible precaution to cut back large,

shrubby mallows in the autumn Hopleys still spends as much of its energy on plants which will never bring in very much of a profit, simply because the Barbers love them. Gardening began as a hobby for them, and they still cherish the excitement and enthrsiasm that led them to work with plants in the first place. This year sees a new bright yellow potentilla bred by them, called Chelsea Star. Its green sepals peep out between the petals like those of Herb Bennet and other geums, giving a slightly starry effect.

is to introduce unusual plants whether old cultivars which are in danger of becoming extinct, or good new ones - to a wider gardening public. One success has been the regeneration of a number of double primulas which had more or less died out in Britain, but were reproduced from healthy stocks from New Zealand, Hopleys also has a good list of perennial wallflowers, including two scented old yellows, Harpur Crewe and Cheiranthus concinnum.

What the Barber family likes best

I walked with Aubrey up and



Potted perfection: Evolvalus (front), two potentillas, and Cheiranthus, Po

down aisles of plants, increasingly impressed at the richness and profusion of plants which, though giving an impression of happy disorder, were logged individually into Aubrey's computer stock system. He also produces the catalogue, illustrating it with photographs from the nursery. This year's, just out, has for its cover picture the breathtakingly pretty plant called Evolvulus nuttalianus Blue Daze, a biue convolvulus-like flower with a white centre, and soft whitemargined leaves.

It was not a plant I had even

heard of before, but I am willing to believe it will make a spectacular pot plant. Coming from tropical America, it requires warm indoor shelter in the winter. Other uncommon container plants recommended by Hopleys include a beautiful small senecio (S. heitieri), which attracts great attention at shows with its silver-grey, star-like leaves and pale flowers with purple magenta-tipped petals and centre. Dwarf Form has all-magenta flowers and, growing only to about 1ft/30cm, goes well in smaller containers. Both need sunny, dryish, well-drained conditions.

WEEKEND TIPS

 Sow pot plants such as or dead stems. browallia, gerbera and plumbago capensis in a beated

 Watch out for early greently lonizing plants in conservatories, greenbouses and under cloches.

· Cut back the last season's growth of Buddleia davidii to two or three buds at their base, at

the same time removing all weak

· Apply a general fertilizer if necessary on heavy (clay) soils.

· Give some protection from strong and cold winds to the new green growth on plants, especially ones just bought and planted outside.

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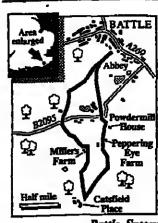
CHELSEA FLOWER SHOW: The most famous of them all, which runs this year from May 22-25 in the Royal Hospital Grounds at Chelsea, has now hired a booking agency for public day tickets (Mey 23/24). Elaborate floral exhibits, sundries, and educational and existence. and educational and science displays. Tickets £15 for full day May 24, £7 after 4pm; £12 for May 25. Apply by post to the Chelsea Flower Show Ticket Office, PO Box 1426, London SW1. Credit card bookings 01-748 1414. The RHS information line gives the latest news about ticket availability from now until show a end (01-828 1744). **GATESHEAD NATIONAL GARDEN**

FESTIVAL: May 18-October 21.
Garden festivals increasingly have more to do with leisure and a jolly day out than with gardening, but this show, on its large waterside site at Gateshead on the south bank of the Gateshead on the south bank of the River Tyne, retains the spirit of the original idea. Much permanent planting of trees and shrubs has already been done, a wildlife area made by the British Trust for Nature Conservation by the little River Team is now a permanent fixture, and there is a well-developed array of model gardens and landscaping on the 200-acre site. The festival is open seven days a week from 10am until dusk. Adult day tickets are £6 with discounts for children, families and groups. Write to the Marketing and groups. Write to the Marketing Department, The National Garden Festival (Gateshead) Ltd, Queensway North Team Valley, Gateshead NE11 ONG (091 487

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HAMPTON COURT PALACE INTERNATIONAL FLOWER SHOW: July 11-15. This is the first time that a show of any kind has been permitted at Hampton Court and the organizers are keen to keep the emphasis on plants and gardans, with additional educational and scientific exhibits — though there will also be garden furniture, machinery and sundry stalls. They have persuaded many of the most acting smaller nurseries, organizations and young design teams to take part. Tha show, to be opened by the Princess Royal, is sponsored by British Rail Network SouthEast, and for visitors arriving by rail (with a valid ticket) admission is E8 adult, £4 children. Special trains will be running during the show (for adults coming other than by train, admission is £12).

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Leaving the car park, turn left down the hill, keeping the wall on your left, then through a gate into an open field, keeping the battlefield itself on the left all the time. This is on the left all the time. This is a well-trodden path and easy to follow, up to a track junction, where our path bears left again, past hage oak trees and steeply downbill to a stile. Follow this path down to a road junction, then across Powdermill Lane into Telham Lane, where the route turns right to Peppering Eye Farm, under some power cables and on to the half-way point of the

walk, at Catsfield Place. From here, a well-defined footpath leads back, across fields and wooded country, first to Miller's Farm, then after passing through the farm and down the farm track, across Powdermill Lane again and sharply down a steep slope to one of a series of attractive, reed-fringed fishing ponds, and over a stream. From the next hilltop the walker gets good views north and east to Battle Abbey and the battlefield, and from here the path is easy to follow across fields to the car park.

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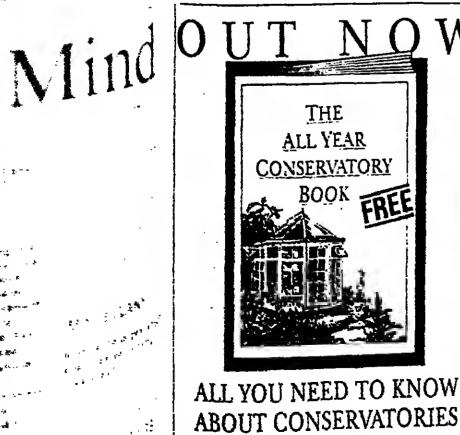
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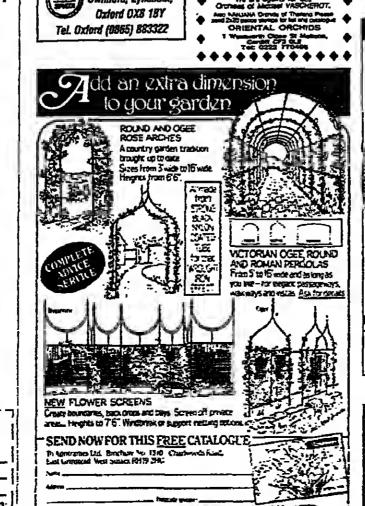
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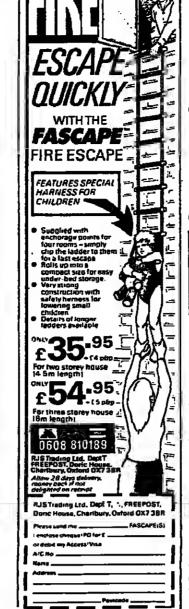
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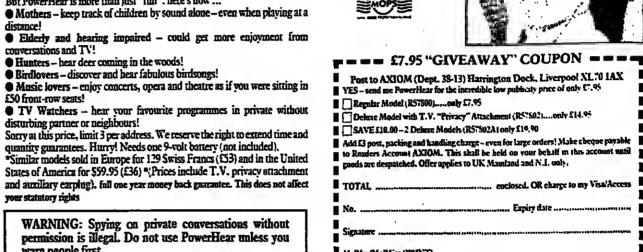
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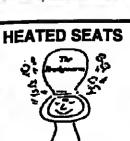
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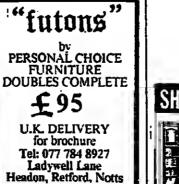


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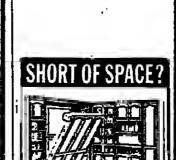
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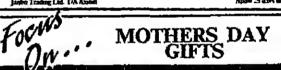
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Gifts of scented beauty

There is more to Mother's Day than just buying a bunch of

flowers. Nicole Swengley reports on some fresh ideas and prices

he British are not naturally a nation of flower-buyers. On only about £15 a year on them, lagging well behind the Swiss and West Germans, who splash out £48 and £40, respectively, while the Dutch and French spend £35 and £24. And, when we order flowers for special occasions such as Mother's Day (Sunday, March 25), we tend tn choose traditional blooms rather than experiment with unusual alternatives.

Perhaps this is because, until recently, there has been little choice, other than huying flowers at a cheap-and-cheerful market stall or braving the formality of a traditional florist's shop with grand displays and prices to match.

Flower names which sound like tangue-twisters to the uninitiated doo't help either, and many of us are reduced to pointing and mumbling "A bunch of those, please".

Now a clutch of specialist shops is seeking to change the way we huy flowers by catering for purses large and small and for people who love the look and fragrance of flowers but haveo't taken a Master's degree in floristry.

Jane Packer, a trained florist who blossomed after creating the bridal bouquets for the wedding of the Duke and Duchess of York, is the kind of florist who listens to the shoppers' ideas rather than

blind them with knowledge. "For Mother's Day we tend to concentrate on romanticlooking posies such as violets, primroses and old-fashioned pansies. Introducing your mother's favourite colour and fragrante is important, and we do this, for example, with tiny scenied flowers such as muscari, freesia or narcissus. or with more sophisticated fragrances such as jasmine or luberose.

As an alternative Mother's Day present, she suggests sponsoring a course io arranging dried or fresh flowers. Her own one-day courses cost £95. • Jane Packer, 56 James Street, London W1 (01-935 2673), Mon-Sat, 9am-6pm. London deliveries only. Last orders for Mother's Day by March 23 for next day delivers.

Kenneth Turner, known for his unusual fresh-cut and dried flower arrangements, suggests a Mother's Day gift of moss teddy bears, which last longer than fresh flowers. He also makes up dolls, rabbits nr ducks in flowers ar moss from around £95.

When I think of Mother's Day I think of nosegays of violets [£35] or simple, chic lilies of the valley [from £40]. But a garland basket filled with chocolates [about £150] could be equally appealing. Kenneth Turner at Goodes, 19 South Audley Street, London W1 (01-499 2823), delivers countrywide. Last orders by March 21 for next day delivery.

Christina Smith, the owner of The Flowersmith, Covent Garden, recommends white flowers for Mother's Day. She

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suggests sending country flowers to town-dwelling mothers and city flowers to mothers in

the country. Posies of country flowers, starting at £15, could include camellias, daisies, white roses, guelder roses, mixed rannnculus with spring leaves, and country fnliage such as pussy willow, hawthorn, forsythia and spiraca tied with a flouncy paper ribbon.

City flower arrangements, from £12, might include ginger, strelitzia, peach-col-oured amaryllis and pink pineapples with lotus leaves, bear grass and wriggly willow. ● The Flowersmith, 34 Shelton Street, London WC2 (01-240 6688), Mnn-Fri, 10am-6pm; Sat, noon-5pm. Countrywide deliveries. Last orders by March 23 for next day delivery.

The Bonsai Shop, also in Covent Garden, sells Chinese indoor and Japanese outdoor bonsai trees at around £6 for a 3io-inch tall, five-year-old tree. Bonsai trees are a good buy because they need little attention and last a lnng time. You can even buy ooc the same age as your mother.

● The Bonsai Shop, 28 Neal Street, London WC2, (01-240 6688), Tues-Sat, noon-6pm. Sarah Waterkeyn, too, has unusual ideas for Mother's

Day. She will create a dried or fresh flower arrangement which incorporates bottles of bath oil, pot pourri or any other gift. Bouquets start at £10 plus delivery (Londoo only), dried and basket arrangements from £15, moss bowl arrangements from £12. Sarah Waterkeyn's, 29 Lambs Conduit Street, WC1 (01-430 2287). Interflora available.

Caroline Dickenson has an exotic Mother's Day suggestion: a basket of amaryllis, chocolates and champagne. If this £75 extravangza seems over-the-top, she also has tied posies of spring flowers or baskets of narcissus, crocus and polyaothus from £15.

· Caroline Dickenson Flowers. Landsdowne House, 55 Berkeley Square, W1 (01-491 9494), and 35 Park Street, W1. Countrywide deliveries. Orders con be taken on March 24 for Mother's Day delivery. Interflora service also available.

Vase has reputation for nontraditional tied bunches and cut flowers in unusual-shaped vases, from bud-bearers to Knickerbocker Glory glasses. Small tied hunches start at £25, but prices for exotica rise sharply. For the children, there are Mother's Day posies at £2.50 or a fishbowl bristling with flowering cacti for £8.50. • Vase, 10 Clifton Road, W9 (01-286 7853), also has branches at St James's, SW1. Chelsea Harbour, SW10, and Ealing Common, W5. Countrywide deliveries vin Interflora. Orders up in and including March 25 for same day London delivery.

• Pulbroke & Gould's Mother's Day specialities include rustic baskets planted with yellow and white flowers such as mini daffodils and yellow polyanthus, from £18.50; mixed gardens with iris reticula, hyacinth, jasmine, helxine

and green ivies and ferns planted in a mossy basket, from £30; tied posies of small spring flowers from £20.

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Owned by Julia Hodgkin, the Heals Flower Shop specializes in natural tied bunches using coloured tissue to complement the cut flowers. Unusual foliage with twisted bark and stems and herbs are also incorporated. For Mother's Day, there are bulbs in baskets, including crocuses and hyacinths, planted gardenia, orange trees and unusual tulips. Tied bunches from £20,

baskets from £25. Heal's Flower Shop, 196 Tottenham Court Road, WI (01-636 1666, extn 5503); Mon 10am-6pm, Tues, Wed, Fri 9.30am-6pm, Thurs 9.30am-7.30pm, Sai 9am-6pm. Order by noon on March 24 for same day delivery, in London only.

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· Harrods recommends posies in a small terracotta bowl. £30; basket arrangement with Harrods' chocolates, £50; planted terracotta bowls or baskets of bulbs, £20; single orchids, £12.

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The hardback, in a deco-

rated sleeve and edited by Sheila Pickles, managing dircctor of Penhaligons' perfumcry, explores the age-old meanings of flower names.
Penhaligons, founded in 1870, was in full bloom at a

time when the Victorians' enthusiasm for symbolic messages was at its height. Most of the book's illustrations date from this period.

By the time Ms Pickles joined Penhaligons in 1975 the company had declined, so the set about building up the the products which the complay now sells in its four London shops and branches in



Scented flowers such as jasmine, hluebell, lily and lavender are represented in the book and she admits that many of the flowers chosen

are her favourites. "I tried to ioclude flowers which are pretty and have interesting meanings. I researched their symbolism in old Victorian books, libraries

and second-hand book shops. "For example, phlox means 'agreement' and clematis

means 'mental beauty'. So I

chose passages of verse and

I discovered that the meanings differed quite a lot but took a consensus opinion. Sometimes it was difficult to find a pertinent literary illustration.

ers by each setting." The book is dedicated to her mother. "I usually send her flowers - hily of the valley on Mother's Day. She has always worn that particular perfume and if I smell it on anyone else I think of her.

> The Language of Flowers (Pavilion Books, £12.95). Nea month, Penhaligons, of 41 Wellington Street, London WC2 (01-836 2150), launches a range

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SCOTTISH BALLET: New programme combines the company's premieres of two Balanchina works, Scotch Symphony and Theme and Variations, with a new production of Paquita by Oleg Vinogradov. Theatre Royal, Glasgow (041 331 1234) until Sat Mar 24, except Sun.

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STRAPLESS (15): David Hare's intriguing drama about love, betrayal, and political activism.
Blair Brown and Bridget Fonda as American sisters in England, the former an overworked doctor, the latter carefree Curzon West End (01-439 4805).

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Love connects: Dorinda (Holly Hunter) with Pete (Richard Dreyfuss)

The Royal Film Performances have sheltered some turkeys over the years: in 1973 the Windsors' treat was the baleful musical of Lost Horizon. This year the Queen and Duke of Edinburgh are in relatively safe hands. Steven Spielberg's lusciously mounted Always is a long-nourished remake of A Guy Named Joe (1943), in which Spencer Tracy's wartime pilot returned from the dead to lend his old colleagues a helping hand. The story has been uprooted and updated: the ghostly hero is now a daredevil flier employed in the dousing of forest fires. He is also Richard Dreyfuss - veteran of Spielberg's Jaws and Close Encounters of the Third Kind. Hully Hunter, the spunky girl from Broadcast News, gets Irene Dunne's old part as the hero's girlfriend; while newcomer Brad Jonson - up from commercials and the rodeo circuit - stumbles into Van Johnson's role as the greenhorn pilot. "It's a story about life and love and how love connects even after someone is gone," Spielberg says. As such, Irving Berlin's "Always" would have been the perfect theme tune. But the composer refused permission; the hero's favourite song is now "Smoke Gets in Your Eyes". It suits his profession, anyway. Plaza (01-437 1234), certificate PG, from Thurs.

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retrospective of narrative paintings by this popular, sometimes titiliating, autobiographical artist. Cleveland Gallery, Middlesbrough

turmoil; the top prizewinner st last year's Vanice Film Festival. With Tony Leung and Hsin Shu-fen. Renotr (01-837 8402). From Fri.

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popular sveite-voiced soul man. NEC, Birmingham (021 780 4133). PUBLIC ENEMY/3RD BASS: Old wave black supremacists Public

ROCK

Enemy In an untikely pairing with New Age white rap duo 3rd Bass. Hummingbird, Birmingham (021 236 4236) Wed; then Brighton Centre and Brixton Acadamy. Also appearing with others at World DJ Championships, Wembley Arena, (01-902 1234) Tues.

COWBOY JUNKIES: Toronto's most celebrated manic Com Exchange, Cambridga (0223) 357851) Fri.

CURIOSITY KILLED THE CAT: Pop-funksters who have matured but lost momentum. Hull University (0482 466264) Wed; then Birmingham and Bradford

BROADCASTING

NEVER COME BACK: Nathaniel Parker as tha fugitive hero of John Mair's unsettling noval of wartime London, dramatized in three parts by David Pine; with James Fox and Susannah Hamilton: BBC2, Wed 9.25-10.15pm.

MRS SOFFEL (1984): Impressive Hollywood debut for Australian director Gillian Armstrong charting the unlikely love affair between a warder's wife (Diane Keaton) and a convicted murderer (Mel Gibson) in turn of the century Pittsburgh. Channel 4, Wed 10.05pm-12.10am. Scramble for seats: David Bowie on tour with a repertoire of classic hits

7 hile Paul McCartney and The Who both did brisk business on their recent "greatest hits" tours, the initial scramble for tickets to see David Bowie's "Sound and Vision" retrospective show was by all accounts unprecedented. It is claimed that the third concert to be announced at the London Arena (Mar 26, 27 and 28) sold out within eight minutes. However, some tickets are still available for two shows at the Milton Keynes Bowl on Aug 4 & 5 and at Manchester City Football Ground on Aug 7 (cc 01-379 4444 for both vennes). Backed by a lean, four-piece band featuring his former colleagues, bassist Erdel Kizilcay and guitarist Adrian Belew, Bowie will perform a set partly comprising songs voted for in advance by fans and featuring many neglected classics such as "Life on Mars", "Suffragette City" and "Fanic In Detroit". Meanwhile one of the music papers has been campaigning for him to include "The Laughing Gaome". The tour, which started in Quebec on Mar 4, coincides with the release this week of Changesbown, a doublealbum "best of" compilation. Most of Bowie's back catalogue has been unavailable for the last 18 months or so, but EMI now plans to re-issue all his old albums in all formats over the next 12-18 months. NEC. Birmingham (021 780 4133) Mon, Tues; Edinburgh Royal Highland Exhibition Centre, Ingliston (01-587 1414) Fri, Sat Mar 24.

JAZZ

HARRY CONNICK JR: A heartthrob in the making, the singer-pianist contributed vocale to "When Harry Met Sally". Astoria Theatre, London WC2 (01-434 0403). Wed.

JOHN SCOFIELD: The ax-Miles gnitarist goes on tour with the saxophonist Joe Lovano, playing fusion pieces from the new Blue Note album, *Time On My Hands*. RNCM, Manchester (061-273 4504) Thurs; then Monkey Club, Brentwood and Town & Country Club, London.

PHOTOGRAPHY

HOMELESS IN LONDOID Neil Libbert's frightening documentary on the people who sleep rough on London's streets. Focuses on the Charing Cross and Watterloo areas Camden Arts Centre, Laidon, NW3 (01-435 2643). From Mon.

PORTRAITS: Contemporary portraits of celebrities plus some more personal portraits by photographers including Barry Lategan and Jillian Edelphin. Association of Photographers, London, EC1 (01-608 14-41). From

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CONCERTS

ALL TCHAIKOVSKY: Fraser Goulding conducts the London Concert Orchestra in predictable choice of Tchaikovsky pieces. Barbican Centre, London EC2 (01-638 8891), Today.

FOUR, SIX AND EIGHT: Members of the Medici and Alberni Quartets play Beethoven's Quartet Op 9 No 3, the Sextet from Richard Strauss's Capriccio and Mendelssohn's Octat. Wigmore Hall, London W1 (01-935 2141). Tomorrow.

ONE, TWO AND THREE: The Scottish National Orchastra is conducted by Bryden Thomson in Prokofiev's Symphony No 1 "Classical," Borodin Symphony No 2 and with Dmitri Alexeev as solorst Prokofiev's Piano Concerto No 3. Music Half, Aberdeen (0224 641122). Tues.

MORE RUSSIANS: Vladimir Fedoseyev conducts The Philharmonia in works including Borodin's Polovisian Dances from Prince Igor. Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 8800). Wed.

LEAPER/HALLE: The Halle Orchestra undertakes Muzart's Don Giovanni Overtura and works by Shostakovich and Walton. Free Trada Hall, Manchester (061 834 1712). Thurs.

THEATRE

TONY PATRICK

AN EVENING WITH PETER USTINOV: Actor, author, raconteur and UNICEF ambassador. Theatre Royal, London SW1 (01-930 9832). Preview Tuas. Opens Wed. Limited engagement.

JOHN BROWN'S BODY: Wildcat Company in a new John Brown piece about tha Clyde. Tramway, Giasgow (041-227 5511).

OPERA

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE: Tonight and Wed see Pavarotti in John Copley's revival of Donizerb's L'alier d'amore. Powerful new production by Gotz Friedrich of Strauss's Elektra, Tues. Covent Garden, London WC2 for 240 1066).

ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA: Ravival of David Pountney's stunningly designed production of Prokohev's The Gembler, has Graham Clark in a powerful portrayal of Dostoevsky's termented hero, Alexer, San Edwards conducts performances tonight and Thurs. Coliseum, St Martin's Lane. London WC2 (01 836 3151),

SCOTTISH OPERA: Arrives in Liverpool with outstanding Stravinsky/Bartok double bill of Oedipus Rex and Bluebaard's Castle, Thurs, La forza del dicitio should not be missed either. Tues and Sat Mar 24. Empire Theatre, Liverpool (051 70) 1555).

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OPERA-Continues its anterprising Verdi revivals with a new production of revivals with a new production of his second opera *Un gromo di* regno. Christopher Filleld conducts Tues, Wed. Fin and Sat May 24: Bloomsbury Theatre, London WC1 (01-387 9829).

NEVER THE SINNER: JOSS Ackland in John Logan's play about the Leopold and Loeb Chicago Twenties murder trial. Playnouse, London WC2 (01-839 4401). Previews from Tues. Opens

THE TRACKERS OF OXYRHYNCHUS: Tony Harrison's reconstruction from a fragment of a classical Graek Satyr ptey. Olivier, South Bank, London SEI (01-928 2252). Previews from Thurs. Opens Mar 27.



Anglo-Indian: new setting for Gogol's play, The Government Inspector

ara Arts Group, under the direction of Jatinder Verma, is touring his adaptation of Gogol's The Government Inspector, now with an Anglo-Indian setting, with Antony Bunsee (above left) in the title role and Muraly Menon (right) as his servant Asif. The tour, which begins this week at Battersea, continues until Sept, and consolidates Tara's position as our pre-eminent Asian theatre company. Verma's adaptation of Molière's Tartuffe for Tara is also touring small theatres. prior to a run at the Royal National Theatre in Apr. Shifting their settings to reflect the mores of the sub-continent, he demonstrates in these two shows both how universal in application the theatre's great classics are, and how acutely he has eaught the mood of the plays — Gogol's study of hypocrisy and huck-passing, and Molière's portrait of a paterfamilias willingly duped hy a religious faker. The Government Inspector was first seen in London in 1989, but, substantially recast, it moves on from Battersea to 20 bookings throughout England before the middle of June, and then the Republic of Ireland, New Zealand and Australia. Battersea Arts Centre, Old Town Hall, Lavender Hill, London SW11 (01-223) 2223). Opens Tues.

CROSSWORD

CONCISE NO 2129

Prizes of the Collins Concise Dictionary will be given for the first two correct solutions opened on Thursday, March 22. Entries should be addressed to The Times Concise Crossword Com-petition, I Pennington Street, London, Et 9XN. The winners and solution will be announced no Saturday, March 24.

BRIDGE

nme of the best stories delaying the whole tourna-come from minor in-ment. The affenders were two cidents in big events. such as a lead out of turn or an insufficient hid. Every tournament director has a fund of such stories. A tale tald by Al Sobel, however, came from rubber

bridge, and Sobel himself was the victim. It had nothing to do with his being the most experienced — as well as the most assertive and flamboyant - tournament nfficial of Both sides were vulnerable

and the stakes were high when Sobel picked up this hand and heard the player oo his right open with nne no trump: 4 8-2 V A-K-Q-J-10-6-5 0 5-4 4 8-2

To stir things up, he bid two diamonds. Next hand raised to 3iNT and when this came bartk to Sobel he doubled. Next hand redoubled and all passed.

Al was preening himself, but then his partner led a diamond out of turn. Declarer was quick to accept the lead and he made 11 tricks for a score of 1250 plus the rubber, instead of going down three tricks for minus 1600.

When, later, Sobel told this tale to Oswald Jacoby, a great player vehose gifts included the ability to cap any story you cared to tell, he got oo sympathy. "It was your own fault," claimed Jacoby. "The same thing happened to me once, but I caught my partner's card in mid-air and shoved it back to his hand."

Maury Braunstein, once Sobel's Inyal henchman and now a top ACBL director. it was pure gold compared who was summoned to a with West's takeout double, a table where slow play was psychic.

clerics, and they were engrossed in a grand slam contract. Braunstein put away his rule book but sternly admonished the pair. "Our fathers, Which art in seven, Hurried be thy game." On picking up the power-

hnuse below you might start planning a sequence to reach becomes academic wheo you hear your opponent open seven diamonds in front of

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grand slam was made. Declarer did not expect her

opponents to throw their hats in the air, but she sensed that they were unusually disconsolate. To ease the situation. she asked politely: "May I please see what a sevendiamond opening hid looks

"Seven diamonds?" quired her opponent. "I opened the bidding with one diamond."

Banter and chaff are often the spice of social bridge, but in tournament play any kind of prejudicial comment is heavily discouraged. Yet the most famous example of a giveaway remark comes not from a friendly game but from a national championship, with Another story features four Life Masters at the table. South's one-club opening was not a thing of beauty, hut

Dealer South. Neither side

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Opening lead 4K

Against six clubs, West, coovinced that this was on The lady who held this hand in a Los Angeles startled by the power of tournament plucked up her courage to bid seven spades, which was doubled. The broduced the ace of spades, he remained confident that setting the contract, by whatever margin, would be a

South played a trump to the king, losing to the ace. East hastened to return a spade and oearly fell out of his chair when South brought forth the queen. Declarer led a club to the

queen, West following with the 10. East had begun to burn inside, and oow he exploded. "You could have led a heart, a diamond or a club," he snarled, "and we would have beaten this hand. Instead, with your nimble brain, you had to lead your

king of spades." Declarer, in common with those at the farthest tables, could not help overhearing. So he led a low cluh from dummy to his 9, returned a diamond, and finessed the 10. It was the only way to

make the slam. Albert Dormer

CHESS

hess has been gaining in popularity in both
Houses of Parliament. There is a beautifully appointed chess room in the Palace of Westminster which houses a remarkable collectinn of chess sets, many of them gifts from other governments around the world. This Lord Gisborough (Con) lost to is obviously a useful retreat for members involved in late-night sittings.

Lord Kilbracken (Lab) lost to Cecil Franks (Con)

Three years ago the House

nf Commons narrowly defeated the House of Lords; but only over a very small number of boards. Last year Gary Kasparov took on the combined Lords and Commons teams, and regular readers of this column may well recall that I published here his win against Tam Dalyell, MP Black Lord Mayhew, Played This year, the turnoot for the at The Athenaeum, February Lords-Commons match was 28. cocouragingly large. The Queen's Gambit Declined match was played at the end of last month at The Athenaeum, and resulted in a narrow victory 8½-7½ for the Commons. It was sponsored by The Spectator, and whose 12 Gambit Declined 4 MS 2 Cot 6 Bb4 4 MS 16 6 Bb4 6 Cot 7 Cot 18 MS 18 Cot 19 Britis 18 Cot 1 The Spectator, and whose editor-designate, Dominic Lawson, presented a silver is preserable. trophy for the winning team.

First Round Lords Lord Kagan (Lab) beat Michael Stern (Coo) Lord Oram (Lab) beat Andrew Bowden (Con)

Lord Melville (Con) lost to Jeremy Hanley (Con) Lord Mayhew (SDP) lost to Cecil Franks (Con) Lord Killearn (Con) beat Dr Lewis Moonie (Lab) Lord Gisborough (Con) beat Philip Oppenheim (Con)

Lord Jay (Lab) lost to Sir Nicholas Bonsor (Con) Lord Kilbracken (Lab) beat Tam Dalyell (Lab)

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borough (Con) lost to

Sacrificing a piece to mobilize an army of passed
pawns, but it would have been Lord Mayhew (SDP) lost tn Andrew Bowden (Con)

Lord Oram (Lab) drew with

Dr Lewis Moonie (Lab) Lord Killearn (Con) lost to Jeremy Hanley (Con) Michael Stern, the leading light behind the event, won a good game in the second round:

White: Michael Stern MP -

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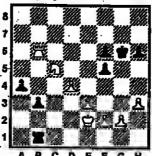
ands 27 Ne1 44 29 Ke2 113 31 Nc5

19 Rb7 Rdc8

White was given a win on adjudication. If 31 ... Ral 32 Nxa4 Rxa4 33 Rxh3 is an easy win. Alternatively 31 ... a3 32 Nxb3 a2 33.Ra6.

Raymond Keene

WINNING MOVE Black plays and wins.



Send your energies a poetcard with your name and add eas to: The Times Winning Move Composition, The Times, I Pennington Street, London El 9XN. The first time commit answers drawn on Thursday next week will win a Times page-scale dress computer. The winning show will be printed in The Times next Salarday.

Solution to les I Saturday's con Back wins will 1 ... Cott2+. The three winners of The Times cress computers are: R.C. Or Dayyhulme, Manchester, G.J. Piers Close, Warrwick; and Micha of Wattington, Chopn.

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SOLUTION TO NO 2123 (last Saturday's price concise) ACROSS: 1 Scampi 4 Ahed 7 Boa 9 Misural 10 Serif 11 Run ont of steam 12 Cutty Sark 16 Interrogation 19 Staff 20 Entreat

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Dream start is key to dream game

Rugby Correspondent

The 65-year-old stadium at Murrayfield has known some proud sporting moments, not least on the day of its official opening on March 21, 1925, when Scotland beat England 14-11 and thus accomplished never has there been a game of rugby played there with a greater significance than to-day's 106th Calcutta Cup 106th Calcutta Cup

All the glittering prizes hang tantalizingly in the balance: the grand slam, for both Scotland and England, the five nations' championship, the triple crown and the old cup itself. It will be a measure of the quality and the character of today's teams if they can produce a match worthy of the occasion or whether the burden of expectancy will weigh them down in the execution.

"It will tell us a lot about what we have really achieved," Roger Uttley, the England coach, said yesterday after watching his players handle a 40-minute training period at Peebles in which scarcely a mistake was made. This has been the pattern of England's approach this championship season, the coaches conceding responsibility to the players in readiness for the decision-making, which this afternoon may provide the vital difference in

And stress there will be. It is only a game of rugby but what a buzz of interest it has created, north and south of the border, where clubs, Scottish and English, will play their games this morning before forgathering in front of hastily erected giant television screens to watch the Royal Bank of Scotland inter-national. "The first 15 or 20 minutes will see some of the fastest, most physically committed rugby many of us have seen," Geoff Cooke, the England team manager, said.

"I hope we will retain our maposure and shake the cots with the sheer pace and ensity of our game, and that will realize why people raying we are not such a side. There will be an and but we will be going out there to establish control early on and, if we do that, we can put them under pressure."

It has been said of both countries that their best is yet to come. Of Scotland, that they struggled to beat Ireland and Wales - one score was the difference on each occasion and that the whitewash of France was assisted by the dismissal of Carminati, the

TheEngland management estimats that, after a sluggish start against Ireland, the level Five nations' table

of performance was raised some 10 per cent against France but suffered a relapse against Wales, when at least three try-scoring chances were

There are imponderables: the weather, so frequently windy at Murrayfield, is one, and the refereeing is another. David Bishop, from New Zealand, is well known to both countries: he handled their respective games against Australia in 1988 and takes the positive view that he is there to provide a framework in which the players can display their skills.

Bishop, whose customary beat is the hurly-hurly of Ranfield Shield rugby, knows that that means the application of law as well as the extension of advantage so that sight of players climbing all over each other at lineouts and back lines seeking to reduce their opponents' space by advancing offside behind the

England, the holders of the Calcutta Cup, as they have been for the past three years, have paid more attention to Scotland's performance against France than their most recent match with Wales, because they believe that the sight of three back-row forwards standing off a scrum does not constitute a realistic approach to international

The two areas of greatest importance in Scotland's success this season have been their back row (which in itself owes much to the sturdy work of the front five) - Jeffrey has enjoyed a quite outstanding season - and the midfield defence, which has been nig-

gardly in the extreme. To negate these two areas, the Scots have to be made to turn and England should be strong enough at the set-pieces to make them do so. But much of England's work this week has concentrated on putting the ball through the hands of the backs, introducing Hodgkinson into play in a way which has not yet been

effective. Hodgkinson's value to the side cannot be overstated: he has scored 39 points in three championship games and, in two of them, successful penalties have provided England with what Uttley calls a "dream start." In his first full



Sole and soul-mates: Scotland's captain, with all the glittering prizes to play for, leads his brothers in battle exercise before today's hostilities at Murrayfield

season, he stands poised to break Dusty Hare's championship record of 44 points but, if he can be used in attack more successfully than was the case at Twickenham against Wales, on a ground where England have not scored a try since John Carleton's third in 1980, we may really see the blossoming of a talented threequarter line.

The other key introduction this season has been Hill, whom Sole, the Scotland captain, has cited as having a critical effect because of the speed of his pass. These are two players to whom Scotland will pay special attention, both in harrassing Hill around the scrum and in the high-ball assault that Chalmers will launch on Hodgkinson.

Both sides believe there has been insufficient examination of the weaknesses of today's opponents, which may in itself reflect upon the quality, or lack of it, evident among the other three countries in the championship. This after-noon, though, all the ques-tions should be answered in what could, if one team takes an early advantage, be a magnificent match, and one that England should win.

TODAY'S TEAMS AT MURRAYFIELD England Scotland S D Hodgkinson

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D F Cronin (Preston G P J Ackford Lock

Referee: O Bishop (New Z

J Winterbottom

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English presence felt in Edinburgh

There is an almost eeric quiet in Edinburgh as the Scottish capital awaits the grand slam decider between Scotland and England. Not for the English the flamboyance of the Welsh, whose supporters traditionally arrrive in Scotland en masse up to a week before the match and make their presence visible with scarves, bonnets and sweaters and audible in the to producing grand slam pubs of Rose Street, with their

singing.
But the English are certainly here. All hotels in and around Edinburgh are booked and at Edinburgh Airport a spokesman for operational manage-ment said that up to 20 husiness and executive flights were expected to arrive yesterday and today, bringing in well in excess of the usual 5,000 visiting supporters. But any expecting to purchase tickets at the last minute are sure to be disappointed.

shortened the odds on an English team.

English victory, William Hill quoting them at 11-4 on favourites with the Scots 12-5. The bookmakers may have taken into account the weawesterly winds and the possibility of some rain today. Despite the odds against Scotland the specialist knitwear manufacturers are geared up sweaters. Scotland completed Meggatland yesterday in less than 40 minutes. "It was important to keep it short and sharp" lan McGeechan, the

If an additional lift were needed. Scotland will kick off after an extended playing of the national song Flower of Scotland. The Scottish Rugby Union announced vesterday that two verses, instead of one would be played. The national Yesterday the bookmakers anthem will be played for the

coach said.



TRAVEL

A DRIVE IN THE DESERT

Namibia has been described as a Third World country with a First World infrastructure. The diamond mines may have something to do with that. Ros Drinkwater left the

took a four-wheel drive into the desert, where she saw elephants at dawn and learned how to eat a scorpion. Page 63

CLOSED FOR DEMOCRACY

It was frustrating to arrive in Moscow when Red Square, St Basil's Cathedral and the Kremlin were all closed to visitors because the Congress of People's Deputies was in session. When history

is being made, tourism must hold back. However, George Hill found much to fascinate him among the Russians in their capital city. Page 59

BENEATH THE WAVES



Rob Neillands goes scuba-diving as we continue our activity holiday series. Page 62

Eye operation puts Mason at risk

By Srikumar Sen, Boxing Correspondent

Gary Mason, the British when I've learned what the heavyweight champion. the Royal Eye Hospital, Manchester, yesterday. A hospital spokesman confirmed that he had undergone a retina operation but could not disclose the exact nature of the

Mason was booked into hospital after he complained to his manager, Terry Lawless, immediately after his bout against Everett Martin, of Texas, on Wednesday night, that he was having difficulty

Mason will be under the care of Professor David Macred, who also performed the retina operation on Maurice Hope, the former world lightmiddleweight champion from Hackney, 10 years ago.

If it-is confirmed that the operation was for a detached or torn retina, Mason, who was to have made a multimillion-dollar world title challenge next year, may be unable to box again.

The British Boxing Board of Control does not allow boxers with reting operations to conlinue with their exteers.

While Hope was allowed to carry on boxing the Board reframed its rules on retina operations and even went so ar as to try to block the return of Sugar Ray Leonard and recently, refused to allow a British referee to officiate at Leonard's bout with Roberto

The Board refused to comon Mason's future. "We'll discuss Gary Mason sun said

SPORT ON MONDAY

operation was. I'm not going to be wrapped in gloom and doom" John Morris, the secretary of the Board, said.

Quoting from the rule book, Morris said: "The Board may take such action as in its absolute discretion it sees fit." He added: "The medical

side is so important. The health of the boxer must genuincly be put first. There can be no exceptions. If they get it wrong on the medical side we won't have boxing."

Before going in for his operation Mason was hopeful. He said: "I have come 100 far. ve worked too hard to lose it all now. I'm in the best possible hands with David Mackoo.

Lawless said: "Gary now tells me he has been concerned about his eye for some time hut thought it was something that would go away. It is too early to say whether he will

fight again." Mason is the fourth Lawless boxer tu suffer from retina trouble. After Hope, Horace Notice, the former British heavyweight champion, had an operation for detached

retinas in both eyes. Frank Bruno had to have an operation in Colombia in 1982 to correct short-sightedness before being given a

Mason's eye trouble could be the reason for his poor performance against Martin. My focusing was out and I could not put my usual cumbinations together," Ma-

Sprinters urged to boycott Ben Johnson on his return

F Calder

D B White

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(Stewart's Mel FP)

By John Goodbody

who do not cheat. Johnson

will only earn vast sums if

other stars run against him."

be told representatives of

more than 60 British govern-

ing bodies attending a Sports

Council seminar on drug

Under the regulations of the

International Amateur Ath-

letic Federation, Johnson has

been banned from competing

for two years. However, Sir

Arthur, a former president of

the European Athletic Associ-

Sir Arthur Gold, the veteran campaigner against drug abuse in sport, yesterday urged the world's leading sprinters not to race against Ben Johnson when the Canadian returns to international athletics in September.

"I would ask Carl Lewis and Linford Christie not 10 compete in 'spectaculars' so that Johnson does not enjoy the wages of sin," the chairman of the British Olympic Association said.

Sir Arthur said that for Johnson, who was banned for two years after being tested positive for anabolic steroids after finishing first in the 100 metres at the Seoul Olympics. the "price of notoriety was 20 umes the price of fame".

Meeting organizers in Europe are already planning to match Johnson with Lewis ation, reiterated his oppoand Christic, who finished sition to Johnson ever being behind the Canadian at the reinstated.

Games, only to be awarded He pointed out that the Canadian had altered his phythe gold and silver medals when Johnson was disqualisique over the years from the use of illegal pharmaceutical products, and that some of the Sir Arthur said that the benefits would remain. He price for Johnson was now also said the whole Olympic ramoured to be 20 times his ethos was against cheating. appearance money in the past."I would submit the sol-"He should never be allowed 10 run again in the Games," he utioo lies in the hands of those

> Derek Casey, the Sports Council's director of national services, expressed his concern that, of the 42 competitors found positive in all sports in Britain in 1988, action had only been known to have been taken in 12 cases.

He said that the national governing bodies and the council, which runs the drug testing programme from tax payers' money, were "rather slow in chasing up the results". He was certain that "in most cases it is inefficiency rather than maloractice".

Reflections on a golden day

By Owen Jenkins

The owner of Norton's Coin, at the last moment from have a run then." the winner of the Cheltenham placing a £1,000 bet at 200-1. Gold Cup, had no chance to rest on his laurels. For Sirrell Griffiths, it was business as usual on his dairy farm at Nantgaredig, near Carmar-

then, in Dyled. The whole village shared in the glory of the rank outsider which had caused one of the greatest upsets in racing history. Practically everyone had placed a bet. One man could have retired on his winnings think he'll be all right in about but was regrelling pulling out three weeks time he might

The horse was paraded down the village street and in front of the pub where the crowd had gathered. When Sirrell Griffiths at last had time to reflect, he said: "It still hasn't really sunk in and it

won't, I suppose, until I get a chance to sit down on my own and think about it or have a good night's sleep. The horse will have a rest now, but if I

Local bookmakers had a

heavy day. Lynn James, of Carmarthen, said: "It's been nasty but not disastrous. I've had to pay out in the region of £25-30.000 but Corals in Carmarthen are talking in the region of £100,000. I won't be able to recoup my losses because the punters came in to They'll be back only when the horse runs again or for the Grand National. It's money

The Times provides expert analysis on how the grand slam was won and lost at Murrayfield

Taking the High Road to Rugby's World Cup

The lack of the draw offers will come in June, Scotland Blair. In New Zealand Scotland's rugby team a home challenging the All Blacks on they're regarded as a side that run all the way to the World their own paddock in Dunedin never takes a step backwards. Cup final at Twickenham on and Authand of the

Saturday, November 2 1991. The prospect of getting there without once having leave their for ress at Mu rayfield ought to give the Scot a flying start. It only remain for lan McGeechan to find team capable of exploit home advaniage. The Lions coach has teen months in which to y

other foothall team. As you would expect such a canny race. the S are leaving nothing to cha They have brought one of L ain folk halfway across world to let David Sole and

secrets. While four of the Nations were kicking off year's championship at Tw kenham and Cardiff, the M were ensconced at Gleneagles Hotel listenia with raps anention to J

All Blacks fit to win the in-ral World Cup in 1987 whose training techniques the envy of the rest of rugby world.

We have our own titul programme but Jim gave us a insight into New Zealur thinking," said McGeecha "We have learnt a lot from

Precisely how much is abo 10 be revealed, not just in 🛚 Five Nations championship b some weeks after the dome season finishes. The acid



When England meet Scotland

today, the forwards will stage their own

grand slam. David Hands

reports

he scrum is a reminder of the origins of rugby union, of player striving against player for supremacy. It is an elemental facet of the game, still requir-ing brute force and bodily strength but refined over the years by the appliance of technique and oourished by those countries who are the recognized leaders of world rugby. Philip Nel, the captain of the only South African team to have won a series in New Zealand, in 1937, is said to have received a telegram from home, just before the deciding third international, containing three words: "Skrum, skrum, skrum." It does not lose much in translation from Afrikaans. In that match, as often as the laws permitted, the Spring-

boks opted for scrums. They deliberately adopted the scrum as a weapon, physical and psychological, and they won 17-6. Despite the various amendments to the laws in the intervening 53 years, the scrum remains just that, and a successful forward unit can have a demoralizing effect on the opposition.

Sometimes there has been an imbalance, as in Britain during the late 1970s, when, in the wake of the 1974 British Isles party which defeated South Africa, coaches tended to spend so much time organizing their forwards that the skills of the backs were neglected. That view was encouraged by the 1977 Lions in New Zealand, who reduced the All Blacks to a three-man scrum at one stage of the tour, but still lost the series.

Scrums are only part of the whole, but they are a vital component: all the successful sides have had good forwards needed to be good scrummagers — lately that not only at their own job but includes the 1984 Australians, to be ball-handlers too and face against Scotland at

who won a grand slam in Britain, and the New Zealanders who have been unbeaten over the last three years.

The point which was apparently lost in Britain was that

able to contribute in other Murrayfield today, agree that mutual respect is the most

But even though scrummaging requires considerable strength, both Paul Rendall and Jeff Probyn, the England prop forwards who will be sharing duties at rugby's coal-

important factor in a good scrum. "You can't make up for deficiencies in any area; you each have an individual job to do, and if any one person isn't doing it, it all becomes harder," Probyn,

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also a club colleague of Rendall at Wasps, says. Rendall, the England loose-

head, is famous for his practical sense of humour as judge of the players' court when on tour, and the number of "characters" and captains to have emerged from the frontrow unioo is legendary. But when it comes to his respoo-Rendall is in deadly earnest. "It's a myth that the scrum is just a means of restarting the

game," he says.
"You have to have respect for each other," Rendall adds.
"It's being able to handle
pressure. I don't think anyone would suggest there was any dead wood in the England scrum. We suit each other. As a unit I don't think we are worried about taking on any pack in the world."

That, of course, is fighting talk, meat and drink to cight Scots who have knocked around the world a bit themselves. Except that four of the Scottish pack were with four Englishmen wearing Lions' jerseys last year and they know, better than anyone, the quality of England's tight for-wards today. "From the first scrum against the Welsh," Rendali adds, "we knew they were going, there was no drive coming through. The Irish cracked eventually, but the French, they held. They had a very strong pack and we knew we weren't going to move

"Scotland have been together as long as we have. They're a good, solid side, no weak links and they have a common purpose in the way they play." The first three or four scrums will be the telling ones: "You have to be able to stay exactly where yoo want to be on your own ball," Probyn says. "If you can get a slight says. If you can get a sight nudge [a degree of forward momentum], well and good. On the opposition ball, it's a case of trying to move them."

The scrum is not a static phase, even if it may appear to be, given rough parity between the opposing packs. Each is trying to gain an advantage,

'I don't think anyone would suggest there was any dead wood in the England pack. I don't think we are worried about taking on any scrum in the world'

Bound together: the Scottish view today of the England scram. From left: Skinner, Probyn, Dooley, Moore, Ackford, Rendall and Winterbottom, with Teague at No. 8

eas of potential danger; no

prop genuinely wants to col-

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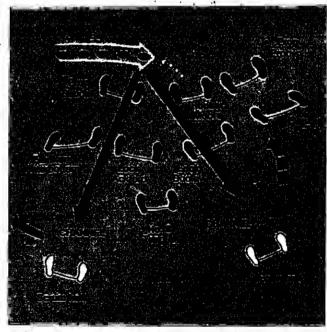
of intense pressure on the

Scottish line just before the

interval, they could not score

that Mark or Robert Jones

back row or the backs.



however slight, which will benefit back row and half backs, or create problems for the opposition if they have to cope with possession on the retreat There are various ways of doing so, nor are they necessarily illegal, although it is a fact that if you play in the front row you must be ready for your share of knocks.

hen England

have the put-in at a scrum this afternoon, for instance, the tight five forwards - props, hooker and locks - will concentrate on having their legs in the correct position to give the maximum solidity to the pack, thus giving Brian Moore, the hooker, the best possible platform from which to strike for the ball. He will the effect of the English shove.
It is this individual struggle

SCRUM HEELS

• CHANNEL ONE: a fast ball, coming direct from the hooker between left-hand flanker and lock straight to the scrum half, who will already have settled with his No. 8 how quick dispatch to the backs; or for a linking move with the back row. The fast ball is designed to launch an attack before the opposition know where the thrust is coming, possibly while their flankers are still bound to the scrum.

• CHANNEL TWO: a ball worked across the scrum between the locks. Slower possession but not necessarily a defensive move as it may allow the scrum half time to settle himself for a kick, either out of defence or into the box (the area just behind the opposing scrum but in front of the full back).

scrums, which are clearly arrun through its repertoire of attacking moves, the scrum half gets the ball in his hands lapse the scrum, save as a measure born of desperatioo going forward, which lends impetus to the whole back tine, the opposition are constantly on the back foot, as Ian McGeechan, the Scotland coach, would say, and that is or because he is being so badly native. Indeed, if one scrum has gained superiority a good prop will try and hold his beaten opposite oumber up so dispiriting. Peter Wheeler, who was the

England hooker when the that the concerted drive of grand slam was woo against Scotland in 1980, described the feeling of a successful scrum thus: "There was one obviously against Scotland a scrum at Murrayfield which I fortnight ago the limitations imposed by a poor scrum. Even though they had a period regard as the best I have ever been part of. It took place near the Scotland line, oo our own ball, and Billy Beaumont called for a double-shove. The ball was heeled, the scrum because they were being locked and pushed and I can pushed back, and anything still recall the feeling as we surged forward like a superwant a good look at the ball, but his opposing tight-head prop — Paul Burnell — will be trying to keep his side of the scrum low, both to spoil Moore's view and to reduce the first of the scrum and to reduce the first of the scrum and to reduce the first of the first of the scrum and to reduce the first of the first of the scrum and to reduce the first of the first of the scrum and the scrum attempted was with poor poscharged car going into over-charged car going into overthe next stage of the defence. ical superiority, but if England. If a pack gains the upper can revive that sensation to-hand then all sorts of opportuday, they may be halfway which often causes collapsed nities occur: the back row can down the road to victory.



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With Rendall to the fore, the England front row prepares to take issue at a set

The Times guide to the players who carry Scottish and English hopes of a grand slam at Murrayfield this afternoon



Streetwise Scots will pose fresh problems

By Roddy Forsytl

The other day someone asked Michael Rutherford how it felt to have a famous daddy. Michael, the four-year-old son of John Rutherford, whose Scottish international half back partnership with Roy Laidlaw set a world record for longevity, replied: "I don't know hut he still can't make

The senior Rutherford has never been known as a kite flier either, tending instead to the mixture of candour and perceptiveness which has made him a popular choice in Scotland as one of rugby's principal media analysts. It is fascinating then to discover that for Rutherford, today's events at Murrayfield have been preceded by an unusually profound sense of déjà vu.

"To anyone who played, as I did, in Scotland's grand slam side in 1984, there are a lot of parallels between the final match then, which was against France, and this decider with

"When we played the French we were definite underdogs. They had a very good side, as England do now, and we quickly discovered in that match that we were up against a much better team than anyone else we had encountered in the championship that year.

"But the French also found themselves with problems enham, their team would have Scotland match in Cardiff two

and have won 50, Scotland 38

face previously and I think the same holds on this occasion. I feel that England have had no pressure put on them at all this season although, to be fair, that is partly because they have been so dominant up

"Scotland, though, will get stuck in about them. The Scots are streetwise now, you know, because the team has been together for quite a few games, they have got to know each other's style and under Telfer and McGeechan they have simply got better all the

There are few Scots who believe that if this afternoon's match had been at Twick-

were in England's beatan teach.

© England's best score against the Scots was else achieved at Murrayfield, when their 30-18 victory clinched the 1980 great elsen. John Carleton, the England right wing, scored three tries to emulate Civil Love, who size scored three

Scotland in 1914.

Though starry of the encounters have been dour affairs, they have been interrupted by outbreaks of high acoring, as in 1931 when Scotland scored six tries in a 28-19 win at Marca talk Start Loss the

FACTS AND FIGURES BEHIND THE GRAND SLAM DECIDER AT MURRAYFIELD

Of the England players who contested the Calcutta Cup match 10 years ago, which brought them their last grand slam, only two have played regular first-class rugby this seasoo: Paul Dodge, the Leicester centre who was injured in November, and Keith Robertson, the Scottish wing on March 15, 1980, who saw Melrose to their first championship last weekend (David Hands writes). Robertson was part of a Scotland XV in 1980 whose notable second-balf revival contributed mightily to the day's entertainment but could not suatch back the 16-point lead that England established in the first half-theur England scored three tries, one by Mike Slemen on the left wing

an even chance. But Murrayfield is a potent arena for Scottish emotion. To make certain that native

conrage is screwed to the sticking place today, the Scot-tish Rugby Union has shown itself willing to make the prematch ceremonial something of a set-piece and to win early possession of morale.

Having agreed earlier to this season to abandon God Save the Queen as the anthem to be played before Scottish inter-national matches, the SRU adopted the song Flower of Scotland, composed by the Corries folk duo, and an immensely popular choice on the terraces. However, when it was played prior to the Walesthey had not been required to stood anything approaching weeks ago, a single verse

e England have not registered more than six tries in any one match against Scotland. That feat was achieved at Twickenham in 1953 when England won 26-8, four of the tries common from Emplant.

of the tries coming from Bazley (2), Butterfield and Woodward in the backs, with two more from Stirling (prop) and Adhins (lock).

impressive in contrast to the Welsh rendition of Land of My Fathers.

Accordingly, today the first and third verse of Flower of Scotland, which rousingly celebrates the rout of the English army at Bannockburn, will be played accompanied by the pipe band, to permit the supporters to hit full patriotic stride at the key moment.

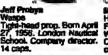
Another unseen but potent influence on the Scots has been the tenor of the prematch coverage in certain sections of the English-based media. Rutherford said yesterday: "Our boys will love it. The other day a certain English writer wrote that only two of the Scottish team would get into the English side. Well, that's just ammunition for the

The sum of this Scottish side, Rutherford reckons to be about equal to the one which last took the grand slam, "We were probably a wee bit stronger up front, whereas this side has the edge in the backs and the present team is brilliant at turning play round and scoring on the counter-attack.

"But Scotland at Murrayfield? They're worth six points of a start, a try and a conversion. As for England, we know they are a very good team. Now we will find out whether they are a truly great

gund's record by scorer this season when he passed Lowe's aggregate of £8. But though he has







CRICKET

England must seize chance to rethink their Test strategy

From Alau Lee, Cricket Correspondent, Port of Spain

In 16 days since their astounding first Test win in Kingston, England's only cricket has been three one-day games. They have lost the lot, each performance worse than the last, so that when they arrived in Trinidad last night they were confronted by four days of suddenly inflated

importance. From the safety of distance, the fixture with a Board President's XI, which begins today at Guaracara Park. 40 miles outside Port of Spain, looked the nearest thing to mid-tour relaxation. Now, it is plainly nothing of the kind, as England seck to restore momenium and sellle on a Test policy in their one remaining maich before the Cahle and Wireless series resumes next

For reasons hest known to themselves. England tried to persuade their hosts to split the four-day game, introducing yet more of the limited overs cricket which does so much to compromise techniques. Thankfully, the West Indian authorities have mainrained the original concept. largely because they regard it as a Test trial for a carefully

chosen President's team. England, then, must now decide which of their established Test players can safely be rested and which places have yet to be claimed. Of the latter calegory, two stand out. Alec Stewart and Roh Bailey resume head-to-head rivalry

chance of more practice

Buenos Aires — Cricket is only kept alive in Chilc and Brazil by expatriates (Paul Parker writes). In the former, there is only one cricket club in Santiago, and in the latter, three in São Paulo and Rio de Janeiro. Rio de Janeiro.
The combined South Ameri-

The combined South American XI, which played the MCC at Hurlingham here, comprised five Englishmen and three Australians from Chile and Brazil and three Argentines and they were no match for their opponents. The margin of MCC's victor, was 135 runs and the match provided useful batters practice before the start of ling practice before the start of loday's unofficial two-day Test maich against Argentina at Belgrano where the wicket can best be described as unpredictable.

Among the runs again were Briance and Vaughan while Henderson look the chance to rebuild his confidence after a run of low scores. SCORES: MCC 226 for 4 dec [Briance 67, Henderson 66 not out. Vaughan 54); South American XI 91.

The England A team went sight-seeing at Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe, yesterday, with Bob Bennett, the tour manager, in a content mood. "I could not have asked for

the tour to have gone better," Bennett said. England play Zimbabwe in the third and final one-day

international at Bulawayo tomorrow. for the No. 3 batting position and the likely demand for spin bowling in Port of Spain promoles the cause of Keith

Medlycott against the vastly more experienced Eddic Hemmings. Paradoxically. Bailey may have claimed an advantage over Stewart by playing in only the last of the recent overs games, and scoring 42,

while Stewart played and failed in all three. It was a surprise to many that Stewart was given first run at this key position when his commonly assumed role on this tour was as spare batsman and stand-in wicketkeeper. After some success in the carly matches, he has lost his way and Bailey has returned to the equation quicker than seemed likely. Even more important, if England are to go into this

next Test in a positive frame of mind, is the inclusion of an attacking spin bowler. With

Medlycott, especially if he proves in the coming four days that his hours of tennis court bowling on rainy days in Georgetown have benefited his control.

Medlycott is an adventurer. He will concede runs but he will also bowl people out with spin and flight rather than simply pinning them down and inviting errors. as Hemmings does so capably in one-day cricket. It was, surely, for a Test match in Trinidad. and against a West Indies team full of right-handers, that the Surrey left-armer was cho-

sen on this trip. The problems of the West Indian selectors largely concern injury and illness. They have several players in doubt for the next Test, which presents added incentives to the group of fringe contenders

in today's President's X1. Clayton Lambert and Delroy Morgan will probably dispute the opening hatting position if Desmond Haynes's back trouble persists: Viv Richards's haemorrhoids give Keith Arthurton reason to press his case in the middle order, most intriguing of all is the prospect of Robert Haynes's inclusion, as a leg spinner who can also bat

capably. One way and another, this match in the oil fields of Pointe-a-Pierre will reveal some interesting answers. due respect to Hemmings, this quite apart from providing a firmly indicates selecting merciful release

MCC take the New Zealand find runs a precious commodity

From Qamar Ahmed, Wellington

New Zealand struggled against Australia as they finished the second day's play at the Basin Reserve with only 93 runs in their first innings for the loss of three wickets. Heavy rain during the night and intermittent show the night and intermittent show-

res almost throughout the morn-ing reduced play to three hours. Resuming at their overnight 18 without loss, New Zealand added only 75 runs. Though the wicket had eased up a little and played a shade better than the first day, when Australia were devastated for only 110 runs, it was not conducive to stroke-making. Runs became a precious commodity as Alderman. Rackemann and Campbell pinned the batsmen down with their nagging accuracy.

Taking a winning lead may not be an easy task for New Zealand when play resumes today. They require 17 runs to pass Australia's score. Australia may spring a surprise.
New Zealand's bassmen were

unable to earry on the good the first day. Not able to force the pace and find the gaps, the pace and find the gaps, Wright and Franklin were con-cerned with keeping their ends intact. They put on 48 for the first wicket before the off spin-ner. Taylor, tempted Franklin to have a go. A lotted on drive was superbly caught by Marsh at mid-on, In 2½ hours, Franklin had made only 28 runs.

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TENNIS: BRITAIN'S NO. 6 MATCHES TOP CANADIAN FOR SECOND TIME IN MONTH

Petchey's retrieval of form is rewarded

Tennis Correspondent

Mark Pelchey was beaten in three sets by Chris Pridham in the final of the LTA Satellite Masters at Telford yesterday, but he should be heartened by his performance against the Canadian Davis Cup player ranked over 100 places above

Pridham is an experienced player who has risen as high as 75th in the world. Two years ago he reached the third round of Wimbledon, which, by satellite standards, is pretty hot stuff, Yet Petchey, who three mooths ago was so short of form and ago was so store or form and confidence that he lost in the first round of four straight satellite events, has now matched the Canadian twice in four weeks.
At Croydon, at the start of the Serve and Volley circuit three

weeks ago, he lost in the final to Pridham 7-5, 7-6. Yesterday, as he took the first set comfortably enough, he even looked set to turn the tables. But, as to his semi-final against Caratti, the British No. 6 relaxed too soon. Brush No. 6 related too soon, lost his serve early in the second set and, unlike the previous day, was never able to recover the initiative, losing 4-6, 6-2, 6-3. An ounce more concentration at the right moments and there is not be challenging for a Davis Cup place in the next few years.
Despite that defeat, the performances of the British players. Petchey, James Turner, Ulli Nganga and Danny Sapsford, over the past three nexts have then ample ground. weeks have been ample reward for the investment made in the Satellite Circuit by the LTA.



Confidence back: Petchey looked set to turn the tables on Pridham at Telford yesterday

Wilander to take a one month break

Stockholm (AFP) — Mats
Wilaoder intends to take one month off the circuit to try to win back his once legendary concentration. Wilander said that he would not relaunch himself on the ATP tour until he wanted to play.

That is the problem.

"I would rather take six months off teonis than force myself to return on court and give a sub-standard performance," he said. The 25-year-old world No. 2, who won five singles titles and

wanted to play.

Struggling to regain the form that made him world No. I at the start of 1939, he admitted: another major effort to recapture the world No. I spot and I consider I still have two or it's the fear of being beaten again

MIAMI: The Wimbledon

The 22-year-old world No. 2, who won five singles titles and recorded a 14-3 record against other 10p 10-ranked players, earned the top individual sward from the ATP's 500 members. In addition to his two grand slam ritles last year, Becker led West Germany to a second

successive Davis Cup title over Sweden.

Michael Chang, of the United States, whose ranking jumped from thirtieth to fifth in the world last year, was named most improved player of 1989. Chang became the youngest make ever to win a grand slam tournament with his stumping Force Occurrence. with his stunning French Open title at 17.

Theworld No. 3, Stefan Edberg, of Sweden, won the sportsmanship award.

SNOOKER: HOLDER SETS PACE FOR FAVOURITE IN EUROPEAN OPEN FINAL Parrott finds French dressing to his taste

From Steve Acteson, Lyons John Parroll, who reluctantly gave up the delights of the Chelienham Festival — "it's the Chellenham restival — "Il s me best three days of the year" — to defend his Credit Lyonnais European Open title here, has himself fallen at the final hurdle

für too often.
In nine previous finals, Parmit, the world No. 2 from Liverpool has triumphed only but there appears to be something about shooker with a French dressing that is very much to his caste

Last season he beat Terry Gaffiths in the climax to the inaugural European open in Deauville and yesterday he led the favourite. Stephen Hendry. 5-4 at the end of the first session having held the whip hand for

the better part of the afternoon.

Hendry was playing in his seventh final of the season, having lost only one of them. and needed victory to cut his decilit behind the world No. 1. Steve Davis, in the provisional rankings to only one point. He beat the world champion 6-3 in Thursday's semi-finals while

Parrott descated Steve James by the same score but more conviocingly.

Hendry, a 21-year-old Scot.
had appeared jaded against

Davis, making a surprisingly high number of elementary mistakes and, as in that match, fell 3-1 behind yesterday.

He missed a simple brown after potting the last red in the opening frame for Parrolt to clear to black. Hendry won the second hy virtue of a snooker on the green but Parrott sauntered through the next two frames with breaks of 69 and 74.

Another successful snooker was Hendry's key to frame five and, after Parrott had broken down at 40 in the eixth, Hendry added a further clearance of 51 to level the scores.

Further runs of 40 and 67 pushed Parrott two frames ahead but Hendry's break of 56 was enough to give him the last of the session to stand only one behind with a further scheduled 10 frames to play.

RESULT: Finel: J Parrott (Eng) leads 3 Handry (Scot), 5-4. Thursday's late semi-final resolt: Parrott of 5 James (Eng), 6-3.

RUGBY UNION

Aitchison sets up English victory

By Alan Lorimer Scottish Univs. English Univs.

English Universities avenged their defeat of last year with a convincing win over Scottish Universities who were outweighed in the set scrums and out jumped in the lineouts. Scottish Universities had the satisfaction of scoring the first try, when Alex Snow burst over. t was their only try in the first half and was matched by a spectacular 65-metre run by Andy Parton, the English right

Andy Parton, the English right wing, for an excellent try.

After the restart English Universities attacked immediately and were rewarded with a try by their centre Rob MacNaughton. Graham Altehison missed the conversion but atoned with a couple of regulation.

penalties.

They increased their lead when their captain Alex Millard scored a try. blind side.

Scottish Universities, produced a second score with only 10 minutes remaining, a try by Mike Cousin. The English studends however replied with a

touchdown by their hooker Bill Norton. Airchison added the conversion. Norton. Conversion: Attritison. Penulty goals: Attritison. (4) SCOTTISH URBVERSITIES: S Michael (Dundee): A Astley-Jones (Dundee): G Presman (St Andrews). J Wisson (Edinburgh), M Cousin (Edinburgh): J Russell (Edinburgh), M Cousin (Edinburgh): J Russell (Edinburgh), J Kerr (Aberdeen). A Stratton (Edinburgh). J Kerr (Aberdeen). A Stratton (Edinburgh). J Kerr (Dundeen). Stratton (Edinburgh). J Courten Mellor (Bissgow). As Stratton (Edinburgh). J Courten Mellor (Bissgow). Rosp. W Howle, Dundeen M. Burbone (Aberdeen). Dundee), K. Dobson (Aberdeen, captain)
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Bramley the captain for youth match

Richard Bramley, who led Yorkshire to success in the colts county championship in December, will captain England in their first youth international Determore, will captain England in their first youth international of the season, against Italy in Segni today (David Hands writes). Bramley, the Wakefield lock, will joins forces with Sean Fletcher, of Lancashire.

ENGLAND YOUTH Y Alisam (Blabop's Stortford): J. Bonney (Southend), C. Smrtord): J. Branchen (Bartord): J. Bushop's Stortford): J. Branchen (Bonsey): S. Fletcher (West Park), J. C. Williams (Washand) (Washand): J. C. Williams (Washand): J. Smrtord, J. C. Williams (Washand): J. Smrtord (Washand): C. Williams (Rossyn Park), J. C. Williams (Rossyn Park), J. C. Williams (Hossyn Park), P. Simmonde (Bedford), J. Bantor (Engerty): J. Bayts (Washando).

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reappointed Alex Wylie to coach the All Blacks until the 1991 World Cup. Scott Gourley, the Australian flanker, has switched codes to rugby league.

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Match of the day at new San Siro

From Stuart Jones Football Correspondent

Of all the league fixtures to be staged this weekend, one over-shadows the rest. It will not take place, as some might imagine, in Manchester, where United and Liverpool are to feature on national television tomorrow. Even that will be dwarfed by the

local derby in Milan,

The setting alone lifts the game here far above the ordinary. The San Siro stadism, where the World Cup finals will open on June 8, was already an awesome edifice before it was refurbished at a cost of £50 million. Now it is possibly the most breathtaking arena in the world.

world. It is sure to reverberate with the moise of a capacity crowd of more than 83,000 tomosrow afternoon. Not only are both sets of supporters on home territory but the traditional warfare, which has been waged since 1947, is also laced with a few additional misches of suice additional pinches of spice.

Inter, the champions and the holders of the Italian Supercup

holders of the Italian Supercup (a title they collected by bearing Sampdorin 2-0 in November) are lying fourth and need to regain their stature. In the words of Zenga, their international goal-keeper, "a clear-cut victory would restore our prestige and keep our fans happy".

It would also deepen the self doobt surrounding their rivals. AC Milan, the champions of Europe and of the world, are the leaders, but their irresistible progress was arrested a week

progress was arrested a week ago. An unbeaten run of 15

ago. An unbeaten run of 15 games ended in comparatively homiliating circomstacces. They lost 3-0 at Juventus, Arrigo Saachi, Milan's manager, explained that his players were "mentally and physically exhausted." Their programme has recently included the Euronam Can Charles had Mache. pean Cup (having held Mechelen to o goalless draw in Belgium, they will complete the quarter-final tie on Wednesday) and the Italian Cup (in the semi-

final they will play, of all teams, Juventus). "The worst is over". Saachi says. But he has lost Ancelotti, known as the Bionic Man after oumerous operations to rebuild his fragile knees, because of suspension and van Basten, their prolific centre forward who is the League's leading scorer, has uncharacteristically not claimed a goal in either of the

last two ma Yet AC Milan are powerful enough for Silvio Berlusconi to propose that they should represent the nation in the World Cup. Even if he is the owner of

the club, his suggestion was not Apart from van Basten and Apart from van basten and Rijkaard, the Dutchmen who woold be ineligible, the side is littered with Italian inter-nationals. So is loter's defence in particular. Their attack, led by Klinsmann and shaped by Mattheus carries more of

Matthaus, carries more of a

West German accent. AC Milan, who triumphed 3-0 in the November derhy, are seeking to protect the lead they gained initially at the end of last month. On the day that they niently opened the way with a 3victory over Naples, who were deposed. No such neighbourly favoors will he offered

Hoddle sees a specialist

about his knee Wright returns from suspension for Derby, who Gleno Hoddle was examined by a specialist in London yesterday io an attempt to decide whether or not to operate on his trouble-some left knee, which is keeping him out of the Monaco team, in Hindmarch as his partner in central defence. Cas Villa's £1.5 million midweek signing from Millwall, makes his debut in attack.

Anne, his wife, said that she expected him back in Monaco today when they would discuss the merits of surgery, which could save his career.

the French first division

IN BRIEF

Ware to NFL Houston (Agencies) — Andre Ware, the University of Hous-ton running back who won the Heisman Trophy as the leading player in the country last year, will forgo his final college scason and enter the National Football League draft next month.

Drug free
Los Angeles (Reuter) - Hank
Gathers, college basketball star,
who died after collapsing on who died after collapsing on court during a game early this month, was killed by a diseased, inflamed heart muscle, the coro-ner's office said. No trace of medication or drugs was found.

Gornall ban

Alan Gornall, who has already won two races this season since being reinstated as an amateur, has been ruled out of tomor row's Grand Prix of Essex - which he won in 1985 - because he is a former professional. Derek Worsley, race director, said: "I have already turned down two other ex-professionals so I had to be consistent."

Still needed

Wilf O'Reilly, deposed national speed skating champion, and ice pair skaters, Cheryl Peake and Andrew Naylor, dropped from the worlds team, will represent Britain and Europe against Canada, United States and the Soviet Union at the Basingstoke interantional on April 30 and

Nielsen back

Hans Nielsen, world speedwa champion, and the Oxford management agreed on new terms vesterday after the Dane had quit the club mid-week. He led Oxford at Belle Vue last night, the opening match of the **FOOTBALL**

Aberdeen seek to improve on their indifferent record

There is no doubt that the line at East End Park, es- electronic frolic in the transirregularly shaped ball dominates the football codes in Scotland this afternoon, but today also marks the quarterfinal stage of this season's Scottish Cup with the prospect of four balanced ties, the most interesting of which, perhaps, is that at Pittodrie where Aberdeen meet Heart of

Aberdeen's record against the Tynecastle side has been indifferent this season and last Saturday's defeat by Hibernian, another of today's last eight, confirmed their discomfort when matched with Edinburgh opposition. Most surprisingly against Hiber-nian, the experienced Aberdee defender, Willie Miller, looked brittle but his lack of co-ordination may have been

an early symptom of the virus he suffered this week. Miller has recovered and will play this afternoon, while lan Robertson, who missed the Hibs outing, is restored to contention. For their parts, Hearts travel north with a full

Celtic, the cup-holders, are

and the Northern Irish winger George O'Boyle is still unable first match for Hibs since his to play because of a knee transfer from Aberdeen.

injury. By contrast, Celtic have only to replace Mike Galloway in midfield, another absentee because of indiscipline, but while the visitors are in the midst of a healthy spell of productive form they have been forcefully reminded in training that Dunfermline beat them at Parkhead earlier

this season. Dundee United and Hibernian meet at Tannadice, where the United manager, Jim McLean, made what was for him an untypical side had the beating of any other in the Scottish Cup. For both clubs, the trophy represents the last honour open to

them this season and United's cutting edge is reinforced by the inclusion of Jim McInally in midfield.

pecially since Tommy Wilson, mission of our report of that Jimmy Nicholl and Eddie match suggested that the Gallagher are all suspended scorer of the winning goal, Paul Wright, was playing his

As it happens, that was literally true, but since he spent some months at Queen's Park Rangers in the interim, Wright is not cup tied and will take part in today's

The card is completed by the romantic pairing of Clyde-bank, of the first division, and Stirling Albion, of the second division. Clydebank, victors over St Mirren on Monday, are weakened at the back by the absence of the suspended Joe Dickson and John Maher pronouncement earlier this and Jim Rodger will do well to week when he said that his recover from a niggling calf recover from a niggling calf

injury. For Stirling, Vinnie Moore is restored after suspension and will bring his influential pressure to bear. Only one replay is allowed should any of the sides fail to resolve their differences but, Wednesday at least, they

land international defender, is,

however, ovailable agaio after injury and be will replace

Duxbury at right-back. "It is

important that we get something

Liverpool manager, to pay Standard Liège, of Belgium, the £450,000 it will take to secure

him oo a permaneot basis.

will not have to compete with

Hibernian, however, looked expected to go through at their most lively in last week's a national crusade at first attempt against Dunferm-victory over Aberdeen. An Murrayfielld.

United must sustain record Although Manchester United's record against Liverpool in League games over the past decade has been nothing short of

remarkable, they have rarely oceded a victory over their rivals quite as much as they do If Liverpool should win at Old Trafford, United's plight

does oot suggest a Uoited victory, the record books certainly do oot favour Liverpool, who have woo only two of the last 20 league meetings. Liverpool declined to name their side vesterday for a game that could prove to be a dress

rehearsal for this season's FA Cup Final, but with relatively

few injury problems, it is ex-

pected to be the one which

Groves is fit again, and joins the Arsenal squad. Chelsea are unchanged for the third

Charlton v Nottm Forest

Watson, aged 18, is expected to start in Charlton's attack for

Jemson are likely to return for

Edwards, Coventry's £300,000 midweek signing from

Coventry v Sheff Wed

Crewe, is expected to be a substitute. Wednesday are without Francis (ankle);

Carr is the likely deputy.

Derby v Aston Villa

choose between Blades and

Luton v Man City

Prece and Harvey return

for Luton after injury, but Wilson (groin) faces o late fitness test. Allen is recalled the

Mark Calcaveochia, aged 29, the Open champion, and Jodie Mudd, who is also 29 and from

Kentucky, each scored a 67 of different ends of the first day to

lead the The Players'

Championship.

David Graham, the Australian veteran, and David Edwards lay on 68 while among players oo 69 were Tom Watson, Nick Price, Fred Couples, and Polyant Couples, and Polyant Couples, the 21 years.

and Robert Gamez, the 21-year-old winner of the Tucsoo Open

in Jaouary.

Calcavecchia claimed that he

picked up a useful tip by watching his partner, Paul Azinger, putting on the third green and thereafter struck his

own putts with more precision.
"I saw that he was hitting

down on the ball and getting it

to roll really well on the bumpy

greens," said the Open wioner.
"I started hitting all my putts

birdie, put Calcavecchia in the

professional but his appetite for the game shows little sign of

diminishing (a Special Corres-

pondent writes). As long as the putts keep dropping as they did in the Tenerife Open yesterday

he will continue to grace the European circuit he first joined

A first tournament victory for

seven years is now in prospect after a secood round 69 put him eight under par at the halfway

stage at Amarilla. Even when disaster arrived in the form of a

double bogey, as it did at the

10th yesterday, his serenity was

The wind, which had every-

one guessing over club selection,

exactly where I aimed them "

lead for most of the day.

First division

consecutive match.

Forest

Arsenal v Chelsea

WEEKEND TEAM NEWS

near the foot of the first divisioo table will deepen appreciably with the prospect of relegation greater than ever. While form

By Ian Ross

defeated Queen's Park Rangers in an FA Cup sixth round replay oo Wednesday night. Rush, the Welsh international forward who played his 400th senior game for Liverpool in mid-week, will be seeking his first goal against United in his cighteenth senior appearance against the chub. The fact that I have scored against every first

divisioo eluh except Manchester Uoited did used to bother me but I have been waiting for a goal for so long now that it never crosses my miod," he said. be iocreased should Hughes, Rush's Welsh international col-

City attack, but Quinn, a £750,000 buy from Arsenal, arrived too late to start.

Everton retain the side

which drew at Manchester

United in midweek, Palace

Wimbledon are without

are without Hopkins (Achilles) and Bright (suspended).

Wimbledon v Sthampton

Fairweather (suspended); Gayle and McAllister are the likely

substitutes. Osman (back) is doubtful, so Ruddock is

Man Utd v Liverpool
Hughes (calf) is likely to
miss his first match for United
through injury since his
return from Barcelona.
McClair will probably play

replaces Duxbury at right-back. Liverpool are expected to

Several challengers, including

Couples, Craig Stadler, and Wetson, made moves towards

Calcavecchia's top score during o long day io which the weather

changed from humid 80-degree suoshine to a brisk wind and

Only right at the very end, as the big bass were starting to leap at flies at dusk io the many lakes, did someone equal the leading total and this proved to

be Mudd, a lean, tough Louis-ville professional who won the Byron Nelson Classic last year

and who is one of the typically

strong players in this formidable

Mudd had two very different

oines. He scored all pars on what Americans call "the front side" and then had five birdies

Sandy Lyle putted poorly yet

part of the season. He did roll io

a couple of 10-footers on his

Cañizares makes experience count

contributed to the loss of those two strokes at the 529-yard 10th.

His long-iron tee shot, des-

tined for a narrow shelf on the

fairway, was swept towards a

rocky slope transformed for this week into a lateral water hazard. His ball floished in an unplay-

able position among the stones. After a penalty shot and a well

struck one-iron, be still needed o full nine-iron for his fourth stroke to the double uer green.

but left it on the bottom level.

and took three putts. Canizares got back both the shots with five-foot putts of the 15th and

17th, then produced a birdie at

Among those who are trying

on "the back nine".

exactly where I aimed them." again, this time using the long-His good stroking, together shafted putter with two grips with a bunker shot holed for o that he employed to the early

Teoerife - José-Marla permitted him only two birdies

Canizares is in his 24th year as a in an outward 34 and then

overcast skies.

poised to deputize for

Tomorrow

First division

in central attack, with

Beardsmore wide on the

right. Anderson is fit and

field the side which beat

QPR on Wednesday night.

Everton v Crystal Palace

out of this game because we do oeed as many points as we can get. Playing against Liverpool does tend to bring the best out of us as a team" said Alex Ferguson, the United manager. Ronnie Rosenthal, the Israeli international forward, will play Liverpool reserves against Manchester United reserves at Aofield today hoping to per-suade Kenny Dalglish, the

The size of United's task will league, fail to recover from a calf injury he sustained during the

Rosenthal had been expected midweek game against Evertoo at Old Trafford. The injury is to join Luton Town, but the deal collapsed after the two clubs responding slowly to treatment. were unable to agree on a Anderson, the former Eng-Plea by clubs

> to switch tie is turned down Liverpool and Crystal Palace have been told that their FA Cup semi-final will almost cer-tainly have to remain a midday

confrontation.

The clubs, worried about travelling problems for their supporters for the April 8 tie at Villa Park, have made a joint plea to the FA to switch starting times with the other last-four

With both matches being televised live, Oldham and Manchester United meet on the same Sunday at Maine Road with a 3.30pm kick off — but Anfield chief executive, Peter Robinson, says it would make more sense if instead Liverpool and Palace had that starting

time.

• Derby County's young midfield player, Steve Taylor, was
yesterday showing signs of
recovery after collapsing at the
club's training ground on
Thursday. The 20-year-old reserve player has been on the
critical list at a Nottingham
hosoital. hospital.

second half but after floishing with 74 predicted that he would

probably need a 70 in yes-terday's second round io order

to qualify. The Scot won here in 1987, but in the last five years

has missed the cut oo four occasions. He was the last man

away from the first tee

There has been some grum-

linere has been some grum-bling here over the absence of leading Europeans, particularly io view of seven or eight Ryder Cup players, iocluding Severiano Ballesteros and Nick

Faldo competing in the Nestlés Milk Invitational in Orlando

next week. The American pros have mixed views whether the Europeans should be allowed to

compete at will on the US tour.

FIRST ROUND SCORES (US unless stated): 67: M Calvaccechie, J Mudd. 68: 0 Graham (Aus), 0 Edwards, 89: B Eastwood, C Burroughs, D Ogrin, S Pate, R Gamez, F Cougles, T Watson, P Persons, D Waldorf, N Price (South Africs), Others 70: H Irwin, C Stadler, 71: L Netson, G Norman (Aus), K Green, P Stewart, R Tway, 72: P Azinger, T Kite, C Strange, British score: 74: A Lyle.

to catch him is José Mariá Olázabal, the defending cham-pion, and the golfer most likely

to deprive Canizares of a sixth

Olazabal, aged 24, who opened with a 68, set about eliminating bis leeway with

relish, moving to six under par with two early birdies. Neil Han-

sen, from London, is the stan-

dard bearer for the British contingent after a 72 left him on

LEADING SECOND-ROUND SCORES (GB or Ireland unless stated): 139: J-M Carizzeres (Sp), 67, 69: 141: N Hensen, 89, 72: V Fernandez (Arg), 67, 74; J Angdade (Sp), 71, 70: 142: B Hughes (Aus), 71, 71; B Malley (US), 72, 70: J Rivero (Sp), 71, 71; J Ruthedge (Can), 70, 72: J Hegoparty, 70, 72; C Matman, 70, 72, 143: M McLean, 73, 70; J Price, 68, 75; M Moutand, 70, 73.

European success.

Calcavecchia and Mudd lead Johnson is



BADMINTON

Wembley loser: Anders Nielsen going out to Rachid Sidek, of Malaysia, in the third round

Pressure on Whetnall to quit Paul Whetnall, the England manager, yesterday agreed that

BOWLS

Past champions

on the march

By Gordon Allan

he is under pressure to relin-qoish his job and says that he has not made up his mind whether to ask to have his contract renewed when the time whetnall, e good coach and an exceptionally decent man, has yet to prove himself a successful manager under difficult conditions of declining survived the first day for the first

have been rumours he may go.
"I have heard them and I know they are going around," Whetnall said. "It's a very strong rumour and I'm waiting to see whether those people who have been making them will

championship yesterday.

Andy Thomson the holder

and two other past winners, Tooy Allcock and David Bry-

ant, advanced to the quarter-finals but Roy Cutts, who won in 1986, lost 21-10 to Allcock

after conceding an 18-1 lead. Thomson had two hard

matches - good preparation for even hard ones to come. Steve Cooper. aged 18, from Westcliffe traded shot for shot

for much of the game before losing 21-17, and Jack Davies from Brighton took Thomson to

the brink, 2t-20.
Thomsoo's oext opponent is

Jim Moulds who put an end to the aspirations of Martin Mills, aged 17, a Somerset schoolboy, in the opening round. Roh Crawshaw a crown green bowler qualified to play Allcock.

beginning

to threaten

From Patricia Davies

Touching wood, fingers crossed

whisper it quietly, but the world of golf may be about to witoess the re-birth of Trish Johnson as

a player to he reckoned with. Having finished to the top 15

from Amy Benz, another

Ever since she won all four of her matches in the Curtis Cup of

Prairie Dunes four years ago.

Johnson, oow aged 24, was
earmarked for stardom. Her

temperament improved, her re-

sults are now starting to reflect

First round (US unless stated): 57: M
Figueris-Ooth (Sp); N Rubin. 58: A Benz.
59: B Pecrson: K Rogerson. 70: C Gerring;
P Bradley: Ck-Hee Ku (S Kor): L Kean. 71: M
McGeorge; L Walters (Can): D Massay;
B King; J Briles; V Sidnner: L Garbacz: T
Johnson (GB): C Kegg; A Okamoto (Jap):
J Lichack; T Green; C Walker: P Hayes.
Other British and European scores: 72: A
Nicholas. 73: B Lowe, 74: A-M Pah (Fr).
75: L Davies, 78: K Davies.

• Britain's Alison Nicholas, the

American.

her ability.

financial and playing resources. But English disappointment has been so great recently that there

By Richard Eaton "Resign? I have thought about

it. If it is in the best interest of badminton I would do so but I feel 1 have o lot to give and 1 hope the Badminton Association of England realises it". Rumours have spread around Wembley during the Yonex All England Championships this week following disappointments in which no Fnolish women

time since the war and no home player reached o singles quarter final for the first time in eight Whetnall is not directly responsible for performances in individual events, but English efforts in the Thomas and Uber Cup qualifying matches last month were also worrying and

Kcating won the national outdoor slogics five years ago.
RESULTS: Singles: First neund: I Daines
(Mymondram Deil) 12 T Scott (Gateshead) 21; B Lee (Torbey) 18 L Shoobridge
(Rote Park) 21; B Morley (Notingham) 12; W Brakemore (City of Coventry) 21; O
Bryant (Cevedon) 21 R Bess (Cambridge
Park) 12; M Meis (British Cellophane) 12 J
Mousis (Hall) 21; R Jenkins (Desborough,
Malcentead) 21 P Varnecopoutes (Wey
Vasley) 11; S Gooper (Essex County) 17 A
Thomson (Cyphers) 21; J Device (Freston
Brighton) 21 A Johnson (Newcastle) 17; Second nound: T Appleton (Eston K) 11 R
Crawfraw (Blacipool Borough) 21; R
Cuttis (Ipswich) 10 A Allocok (Bentham) 21;
T Perkins (Clarre Dumber) 21 R Kenting
(Plymouth Chal Service) 18; N Wigg (Scie
Bay) 2 M Entwistle (City of Ely) 21; Scott
19 Shoobridge 21; Brakemore 6 Bryant
21; Moulds 21 Jerkins 13; Thomson 21

Gareth Edwards, landed a 45lb

Soz pike, said to be o record, at Llandegfedd reservoir in Gwent.

followed failures in the world mixed team championships and the European championships of

Fiona Smith, England's triple Commonwealth Games gold medallist In Anckland, today won the Badminton Writers' Association ward for 1990. Smith, who has also won the national women'o singles title

five times, went out in her first match of this week's All Eng-

land Championships.
She was joined oo the winners' She was joined of the winners rostrum yesterday by Joanne Wright, who scooped the BWA's junior award, and the oow retired Gillian Gilks, who won o special prize in recognition of her 111 international caps and 11 All England Champio

SWIMMING

Davies in line for final spree

yesterday (Craig Lord writes). Davies, a silver medal winner at the Moscow Olympics, re-corded 28.60sec to the 50 metres hutterfly, after watching Caro-line Foot, of Millfield, pull Zoe Harrison, of Norwich, to a British junior record of 29.1 Isee io the previous heat. Harrison took 0.22 seconds off the nime she set two weeks ago at

of the closest races of the meet, with three Commonwealth swimmers making up the numbers. The strongest challenge should come from Madelaine Scarborough, the World Cup hutterfly champion from Ports-mouth. Davies also qualified in pole positioo in the 200 metres individual medley and 100 me-

Peter Blake: cautious

Singles competition always draws a higger crowd thao any other form of the game and the Melton Mowbray stadium was packed for the Eoglish indoor Keating won the national outpacked for the Eoglish indoor won the nat Leicester.
The final promises to be one

they made up double that amount during the second stage

and are determined to make o race of it over the final 9.000 miles back to Southampton. Io the Cruiser class, there have been wholesale changes in the crew of the veteran British maxi With Integrity which trails John Chittenden's Creightons

Naturally by 31 hours. "We are setting out with 12 on board instead of the 10 we have had on the previous legs which has beloed lighten ship and should make us more competitive to light winds." Andrew Coghill, her skipper, said.

her skipper. Said.

LEADING POSITIONS (after four lege): Mad division: 1. Steinlager 2 (P. Biska, NZ), 86ctos; 16hours: 36mins; 2. Ment (P. Fenimarin, Switz), 89:20:34; 3, Flather & Paykai (G. Daiton, NZ), 90:03:03; 4, Rottmena (I. Smith, 68), 90:18:31; 5, Charles Jourdan (A. Gabbay, Fri, 93:11:38; 6,The Card (R. Nison, Swe), 93:20:A3; 7, Fortuns (J. de la Gendera, Sp.), 95:00:22; 8, Gatorade (G. Falck, III, 95:17:41; 3, Satquore British Defender (Core Cweddina, GB), 96:01:26; 10. Fazisi (S. Nowsk, USSR), 96:02:42; 11. UBF Finland (J. English, Ire), 97:02:22; 13, Belefront, Finland (H. Hartismo, Finl.), 97:03:32; 14, Uverpool Enterprise (B. Salmon, GB), 105:23:30. Division but: 1, Equity & Law (D. Nauta, Netth, 104:18:36, Division three: 1, L'Esprit de Liberta (P. Tabarly, Fr., 115:12:56; 2, Maiden (T. Edwards, GB), 110:05:32; 3, Schusset von Brannen (Dr. P. Wedder, WG), 117:10:48; 4, Le Poste (B. Maile, Fr), 128:02:17. Crughaer division: 1, Creophon, Naturally (J. Christonela, GB), 116:14:07; 2, With Integrity (A. Coghill, GB) 117:21:35.

Kronberger aims for the double

Are, Sweden (Reuter) — Petra
Kronberger, of Austria, aims to
complete a remarkable transformation from also-ran to uodisputed champion by clinching Alpine skiing's two premier titles in the last weekend of the women's World Cup season.

Hefty hook

Moser-Proell in 1979.

Moser-Proell in 1979.

She is also in the running to RESULTS: Super-glent statum: Women: 1. C Marie (Fr), 55.178ec; 2, M

in her last two events in America, she started the Circle K Tucson Opeo with a round of 71, oce under par, in a testing, BASKETBALL swirling wiod on Thursday. That left her four shots behind CARLEBERG LEAGUE: Derby Rams 86, Sunderland 78ers 98. Marta Figueras-Dotti, of Spain, and Nancy Rubin, of the United States, leaders by one stroke

BOWLS

former British Open champion, SCHOOLS TOUR MATCH: St Aloyake School (Wildughby, Sydney) v Cumnor House, Masch abandoned, no play (min). invited to the \$600,000 Nabisco Dinah Shore championship, one of the highlight's of the women's season, because she has qualifed FOOTBALL to play on the US tour.

Mike Galeski, the championship chairman, said: "It was a very tough decision but we decided her status had changed and she is now regarded as a Ladies Professional Golf Association member.

womeo were are racing o slalom on Sunday.

Kronberger, a 21-year-old all-rounder who finished only 24th last season, heads the overall standings with 326 points, ahead of compatriot Anita Wachter, o specialist to the technical disciplines, who has Kronberger, with a 32-point lead at the top of the overall World Cup standings, is bidding to become the first Austrian to take the title since Annemarie

CAULSBORM TEMBLE: DeTty Rams 86, Sunderland Teen 86, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION 988A; Glevaland Cavaliers 112, Los Angaines Lakers 96, Detroit Pietone 110, San Antonio Spurs 98, Mirroscota Timberwohnes 102, New York Ruides 82, Mirroscota Timberwohnes 102, New York Ruides 82, Mirroscota Timberwohnes 102, New York Ruides 91; Utah Jazz 117, Seattle SuperSonice 95; Porliand Traff Buzzers 128, Godden State Warriors 121; Houston Proclems 92, Secramento Kinge 88, SURTOPEAN CHAMPIONES CUIP-Genetic-Timal group, 12th series: Sercatione 97, Philips Millen 85; Milecabi Tel Aviv 67, Jogoplastica 981; (10) 98; Lend Pezzenn (Pol 91, Limogee (F) 118; Den Helder (Neth) 72, Arie Salorika (G) 98.

tory use the following series of the following series

COUNTY MATCHES: Cambridgeshire 107, Herdordshire 121; Surrey 138, Essex 180.

Chemorpan D. WEST GERMAN LEAGUE: St Paul 2, Waldhof

ALGERIE: African Mations Cap: Third-place play-off: Zambis 1, Sanapai 0. Plant: Algaria 1, Nigeria 0. Plant: Algaria 1, Nigeria 0. Plant: Algaria 1, Nigeria 0. Plant: Bordeaux 0. Monaco 0. ENGLISH SCHOOLS MITTE UNDER-18 TRO-PHY: NORTH CHARTY C. Laicester 0. SIDLANDS COUNTY CHARTPONSHIP UNDER-18: NORTH MATING 1. PLANT: ALGARIAN COUNTY CHARTPONSHIP UNDER-18: NORTH MATING 1. SOUTH CHARTPONSHIP COUNTY CHARTPONSHIP 1. SOUTH CHARTPONSHIP COUNTY CAN THE COUNTY CHART COUNTY CAN THE COUNTY

HOCKEY SCHOOLS MATCH: Algurtum 3, Welford GS TYPHOO NATIONAL WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Gerg (WG), 55.26; 3, P. Kronberger (Austra), 55.61; 4; C. Chedat (Fr), 55.87; 5, S. Wolf (Austria), 56.03, 6, R. Moesenlectmer (WG), 56.23; 7, M. Waitiser (Switz), 56.24; eQual 8, O. Roffe (US) and T. Hescher (WG), 56.28; 10, A. Wachter (Austra), 56.35; 11. S. Eder (Austra), 56.96; 13, H. Zeifer (Switz), 56.73; 14, K. Terzien (US), 56.84, 15, S. Gmither (Austra), 56.93, Overall final placings: 1, Merle, 99pts; 2, Gerg, 79; 3, Wolf, 73; 4, Kronberger, 68; 5, Waltiser, 58, 6, Mosenlectiner, 52, World Cup overall: 1, Kronberger, 52, Wolfd Cup overall: 1, Kronberger, 34 types; 2, Wachter, 300; 3, Gerg, 270; 4, Waltiser, 202; 5, Marie, 202; 6, V. Schmeder (Switz), 173, National Cup standings (men and women): 1, Austra, 2,772pts; 2, Switzerland, 1,902; 3, West Germany, 1,212; 4, France, 647; 5, Italy, 559.

ICE HOCKEY

SQUASH RACKETS

HELSNOC-Plantah open championathy: Second round: P Politismon (Fitt) by F Johnson (Swe), 15-7, 15-2, 15-8; Mr Zaman Gui (Pat) bt J Ransone (Engl. 5-6, 9-15-1, 17-16, 15-8, 15-15-15, 15-10, 15-0, 15-17, 15-13, 15-6; S Caleser (Pat) bt P Carter (Engl. 5-7, 15-13, 15-8; S Caleser (Pat) bt R Wyest (PC), 15-17, 15-13, 15-8; S Caleser (Pat) bt R Wyest (PC), 15-17, 15-13, 15-8; S Hallstone (Scot) bt M Canna (Engl. 15-6, 15-13, 15-8; Lienaher Khen (Pat) bt M Hall (First) bt A Wahlstoot (Swe), 18-11, 15-12, 17-16.

WATER POLO

FOR THE RECORD NATIONAL LEAGUE (RML): Boston Bruins 3 Whinloog Jets 3 (OT); Philadelphis Ryers 5 New York Islanders 4: Pitsburgh Penguins 8 Detroit Red Wings 1: Chicago Black Hawks 8 Cheboc Hordicals 3; Vencoundr Canucles 8 X Louis Blues 5 (OT); Calgary Flames 8, New Jersey Devils 4.

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YACHTING

Blake has

few worries

as fifth

leg starts

By Barry Pickthall

Rothmans, Britain's leading

crew are expected to gamble all by taking a different course to

hy taking a different course to the leaders in the race to be first through the Doldrums and into the steady north-east trades.

Satquote British Defender, the Joint Services entry skippered by Cdr Colin Walkins, is back in ninth place, eight hours behind Italy's Gatorade and fending off close challenges from the Soviet Uoioo's Fazisi and UBF Finland. Bob Salmon's Liveroool Enterprise trails

on's Liverpool Enterprise trails in 14th place, a massive 17 days behind Steinlager.

In division three, the race is

just as exciting, with the lead

swapping between Patrick Tabarly's French yacht, L'Esprit

de Liberte, and Tracy Edwards's

all-women team on Maiden.

Edwards ond her crew are presently 16 hours adrift but

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NATIONAL WOMEN'S LEAGUE First di-vision Coverny 6, Sharm 1: Potters Ber 15, Sherifeld 5; Stretch 12, Coverny 3; Share 1. Potters Ber 25; Sherifel 5, Shretch 1; Coverby 3, Potters Ber 6; Shretc 2, Stretch 11; Sherifeld 5, Coverny 9; Potters Ber 13, Shretch 11; Sherifeld 5, Coverny 8; Potters Ber 13, Shretch 11; Sherifeld 10, Shrets 3, Septend distaller, Middlesbrough 9, Bechenham 8. YACHTING

RUGBY LEAGUE

Essential

to defeat

the jinx at

Perpignan

By Keith Macklin

Those who believe that there are

such things as jinx grounds will be a little uneasy about Great

Britain's chances of victory against France at Perpignan

tomorrow. While Britain have

won the last seven international games against France, they last

won at Perpignan in March, 1964, and, of the six fixtures

staged between the countries at

this cenue near the Spanish

this centre near the Spanish border, France have won five. The last occasion was in March, 1985 when France won 24-16, sioce which date Great

Britaio have won seven and

Great Britain have won on French soil three times at Avi-

gnon and once at Carcassonne since 1985, and they have rarely

been extended by a French side which was passing through a

trough of poor form and suffer-ing uncertainty about the game.

Fortunately for France, and for international rugh; a treize, the

French are now putting their house in order, and this after-

house in order, and this afternoon's game should be an
excellently fought contest.

If the outcome of this match is
vastly important for the future
of the game in France, it is
equally important for Great
Britain as they set about the task
of proving that they are fit
opponents for New Zealand on
the summer tour and for the

the summer tour and for the world champions. Australia, in

The 2-1 series triumph over

New Zealand was not totally convincing, though everything came right in the end after the demoralizing defeat in the first international against the Kiwis.

For Great Britain to lose at

Perpignan, despute the evidence of history, would be a disaster for the British coach, Malcolm

Reilly, and his players, who

must win convincingly if they are to travel to the southern

hemisphere with any degree of

Reilly has chosen a full

strength squad, and has resisted the temptation to give outings to

untried youngsters, though Steadman, of Castleford, and Betts, of Wigan, are substitutes,

Betts, of Wigan, are substitutes.
FRANCE: J-M Pougeau (Sr Esteve); H
Ratter (Lazignen), G Delatinay (XIII Catlan), G Delatinay (XIII Catalan), O Frafase
(Carcassome); C Pons (St Gaudens); G
Dumas (St Gaudens), P Entat (Avignon); T
Buthgnol (Avignon), T Valero (Lezignan),
J-L Rabot (Vileneuve), J Divet (Carcassome); G Cabestany (St Esteve), J-J
Moliner (Pamers) Subs: M Khedemi (St
Esteve), J-P Ruiz (St Esteve) O Bienes (St
Gaudens), J Sokolow (Carcassone),
GREAT ARITAIN: A Tait (Wicnes); J
Lydon (Wigan), G Sectoried (Leeds), P
Loughlin (St Helens), M Offian (Widnes), S
Edwards (Wigan), A Gregory (Wigan); K
Skerrett (Bradford Normem), K Beardmore (Castieford), A Platt (Wigan), M
Gregory (Warmington), A
Goodway
(Wigan), E Hanley (Wigan), Subs: G
Steadman (Castleford), D Bettis (Wigan),
O Powell (Shefried Eagles), K England
(Castleford),
Referère; J Stokes (New Zealand).

Tourist attraction

The Great Britain amateur

the home series next autumn

Ken Lawrence meets a cricket-loving Chancellor of the Exchequer with more than Budget statistics in mind

Major influence helps young players

headline of a recent leading article in The Times. Wise words of warning followed; commands for caution: supplications for safety first. I have tidings for the leader writer: the Chancellor was not paying attention.

Some chanceliors, when they go into purdah before their Budget each March, may well draw a veil across the world outside and sit in the Treasury taking note of all the lamentations of the political pundits. Not this one. At about the time our man was putting his guidelines for Tuesday's Budget into his little computer, the Rt Hon John Major PC. MP, was stirring a cup of tea and talking . . . cricket.

John Major is a cricket supporter. (To be specific, a Surrey cricket supporter.) If he was worrying about anything at all, it was not firm fiscal policy. It would have been more to do with a firm Oval wicket and how the chaps were going to perform on it this summer. Major was nine when he first visited the Oval. We had moved from Worcester Park to Brixton. It was a two-mile walk from Coldharbour Lane, where we lived, to the ground. I never went to Lord's. I could not afford the bus fare. I didn't have the fare," he

During the summer holidays, if Surrey were playing at home, I was almost certain to be there. One day for sure, two possibly and three if the match lasted that long. Of course, in the early 50s it did not. But I spent an enormous amount of time there, many very happy

"I used to sit at square leg, assuming the batsman to be at the Pavilion end. The great frustration was when Surrey were playing at Guildford, or playing away.

How long had he been a member? "In spirit, since I could walk, almost." Because of affairs of state, Major has not seen as much cricket as he would have liked these past couple of years. Even so, he had been marked down by Raman Subba Row, Surrey's chief executive, as a Surrey Ioyalist. And when this year the county club decided that, as there was no beneficiary, they would have their own benefit for youth the Chancellor was invited to be Patron of

their Youth Cricket Year. His letter of acceptance was astonishing: swift, and very much to the point. Nothing, he said, would give him greater pleasure. But he would accept only if be were allowed to work. He would not be just a figurebead. He reiterated that stipulation with devastating clarity when he lunched with club officials. "If you do not ask, I cannot do something; do not be afraid to ask. If I cannot do something, I will tell you; otherwise it will be done." And he added with a laugh: "There doesn't pull the cart."

Had John Major said he would put income tax up by 2p as a

BOXING

McAuley

suitably

prepared

By Sriknmar Sen

Boxing Correspondent

The signs are good for Dave

McAuley to retain his Inter-national Boxing Federation by-

weight title against Louis Curtis

of the United States, in Belfast

tonight.
It has nothing to do with St

Patrick or with the little people—this being a flyweight champ-ionship— or even with the

his bed today. I would have been very worried it he hadn't." he

said of his charge who always

boulks at the fast minute.



Best seat in the house: John Major in seat 33 at the Oval, the seat he used to occupy as a boy with a good view from square leg

donation to the Surrey youth appeal, he could hardly have done more. And it was clearer than the famous gasometer on a July afternoon that he meant every word. "I am certain that there are some very good cricketers out there waiting to be found. But even if that proves not to be the case, to provide cricket facilities and cricket training for a lot of youngsters seems to me to be thoroughly worthwhile in its own right.

"I am sure, absolutely sure, that Surrey are on the right lines. I hope we are able to raise a great deal of money for youth cricket. That is why I am going to be a proper working patron. That will be no hardship, and if it produces a play for Surrey it will have been a very considerable pleasure. We are going to provide opportunities for

a lot of youngsters from Brixton and the inner city. Some years ago I might have been one of them and I know bow much that would have meant to me.

"As a boy I did get some cricket coaching at school. But it was very amateur - the school sportsmaster, who loved his cricket, but not a professional putting over the finer points. The few visits I had to the Alf Gover School in Wandsworth showed me the difference and how valuable proper coaching would have been. These days, schools cricket, alas, is in very substantial decline. Teachers are prepared to give up their time for football because it takes so little; a couple of bours. But that is not the case with committed to it.

"This has had a bad effect on the game. It is important we do what it went out all too early on another.

we can to improve facilities in the counties, and that is particularly true in inner city areas where lack of opportunity and facilities is

John Major's transparent belief in youth, and youth being given a fair chance, may well have their base in his own schooldays. In Surrey's Youth Cricket Year brochure* be recalled bow, at 11 or 12, he took "seven or eight wickets for nine runs, I cannot remember which, but I do know it included a hat-trick, which was very exciting at the time". This was for Rutlish School against the Royal Masonic School and earned him his only cricketing trophies - certificates and a bat for the Feat of the Week Standard.

If his career began on a high note,

"I was working in Nigeria for an international bank, I was about 20 and was the passenger in a car involved in a serious accident. I broke my left leg in an extravagant number of places and lost my kneecap. I never played again.

"Only three days earlier, I had been playing for Northern Nigeria against the Rest of Nigeria. That sounds rather grand, but really it was just names for two teams.

"I was batting and was 77 not out when the plane that brought the weekly mail arrived one day early and landed at square leg. We were playing on the airfield, and that

the end of the match. So John resumed his seat at square leg, once again a spectator, of the beautiful game and be looks back today with warmth and clear chure will be on sale (£5) next affection on all those years ...

"memories, lots of marvellous memories". He remembers much with clarity and perception. I ask about his favourite players. "I never saw anyone hit the ball as hard between cover point and midoff as Peter May. When the ball hit

the boundary board it literally bounced back with a real ping." We sit in the vast office that is the Chancellor's workplace saying nothing for a moment; a silent homage to a mutual idol. The stillness is broken by the Chancellor. The memories are now tumbling out.

"I used to love watching Stuart Surridge, Tony Lock and Micky Stewart field. I can see them now, crouching around the bat as they did in those days. They were a marvellous fielding side, Surrey— absolutely wonderful. That Surrey side of the 50s was unforgettable. I do not believe there can have been such a good county team before and I think we will be lucky to see

such a good county team again."
He does not see the need to explain that his heroes, led first by Surridge, then by May, won the championship seven years on the trot. Everyone should know that. And he is happy for them to know also that he was there when Jim Laker took all 10 Australian wickets. "And, I was actually at the Oval when Denis Compton scored his 94 after he was recalled to the Test team against the Aussies with that bad knee of his.

That was in 1956. England had brought back Cyril Washhrook, who was 41, for one Test -Headingley, I think - and he had scored 98. They brought back David Sheppard and he hit a century at Old Trafford. Then Denis, who had just had an operation to remove a kneecap, was recalled for the Oval. He scored that lovely 94 and then hit the boundary that won the Ashes. And it was also the last Test Lindwall and Miller played here."

It sounds almost a confession as the Chancellor says sadly; "I wasn't there, alas, when we won the Ashes back (after 19 years) in 1953. I wish I had been but I wasn't."

If there is a lingering regret within this man who so clearly loves the game that the tapes in his car are not of music but tales of Bradman and words of Arlott it is perhaps that he could never play at the top level.

Would he like to have been a professional? "I would very much like to have been a far better cricketer, certainly, but I was never good enough." I asked: "You quickly accepted that?" "Oh, no. I didn't give up that soon. I wasn't good enough, but you can always dream..."

dream . . ."
It is the dreams of other youngsters that concern him now. No one could have chosen a better Patron to start a campaign to champion

rugby league side will include international matches agaiost * Surrey's Youth Cricket Year bro-Cook Islands on their seven-match tour to the South Pacific

HOCKEY

Hoping to make home gains

enable them to accompany the second division champions to

second division champions to the first division. Brean and Neston play each other at Bristol today and both have yet to play St Albans. Gore Court can pick up precious poiots from today's match against Bouraville at Sevenoaks.

The last few essential pieces of

the first division jigsaw puzzle are unlikely to fall ioto place until the end of the month but in

until the end of the month but in the meantime, East Grinstead have joined the hunt for the top four places in the hope of qualifying for the League Cup semi-finals to be played on April 21 and 22, thus sadly coinciding with the Inter-League play-offs at Solihull. The League Cup final will be played at Luton oo May 6.

Brean. Neston and Gore some travelling to do with an ourt are strongly in contention away match today against isca, or second place, which will before they move on to play St Albaus' hopes of winning the Court are strongly in contention for second place, which will

second division utle in the Puundstreicher National League will reach fulfilment if they secure four points from two matches this weekend ond so carn promotiun to the first division next season. In their home match today St

Albans face Lyons, who, al-though in seventh position, are nnt an easy side to beat. But they also have the advantage of a home match tomorrow against Peterborough Town, who, without a win in 11 matches, are threatened with relegation.

Jason de Groot, top scorer for St Albaos with 13 goals, is hot un the heels of Robert Thompson, of Hounslow, and Bram Van Asselt, of East Grinstead, each with 14, Sean Kerly, the Southgate captain, and Stuart Lee, from Brean, are not far behind with tt. Ao added incentive is the prize for the Player of the Season award.

ionship — or even with the King's Hall roar that freezes the blood of foreigners. It unly depends on how the champium is feeling — nod he is teeling terrible. That is a good sign in the perverse world ut the Little Chef from Larne.

His manager, B. J. Eastwood, was delighted to find he was full of complaints. "The usual symptoms," Fastwood said. "He got out of the wrong side of his bed today, I would have been England's programme of teambuilding continues with their acceptance of incitations to play in two events in Europe next month, the Four Nations Tour-nament in Brussels from April 14 to 16, and the Standard Athletic Cluh's centenary competition in Paris from April 27 to 29 (Sydney Friskin writes).

The squad for the tournament in Brussels, where Belgium, Spain and Italy are also taking part, includes eight members of the World Cup team which finished tifth last month in Lahore – Rowlands, Faulkner, Hill, Sonia Singh, Mayer, Gar-cia, Thumpson and Halls, Kerly, Potter and Batchelor have not been included, but Riles. Lee. Nail, Laslett and

Tournaments aid England strategy with an eye to the future. Barber. Dodds. Kulbir Bhaura and, more receotly, Leman, have come out of retirement to join in the festival matches in Paris, where no official international games will

official international games will be played by England.
ENGLAND SOUADS: For Brussels: S Rowlands (Havant), J Ctark (Secup), O Fauther (Havant, Captam). M Resley (Taddington), J Lee (East Genstad), R Kamp (Welton), C Meyer (Cancock), R Garcia (Havant), P Nail (Havant), P Krishman (Old Loughtonars), M Thompson (Old Loughtonars), J Halis (Old Loughtonars), J Lesiett (Taddington), O Williams (Havant), P Bertley (Hounstow), P Berber (Stough), K Halis (Old Loughtonars), B Deods (Sourmans), G Mayer (Cannock), Kushir Shaura (Indian Gymichen), S Batchelor (Sourmans), R La-

· Hounslow are drawn in pool B. along with Racing Club of France Arminen of Austria and Prague (Czechoslovakia), in the European Cup Winners' Cup qualifying tournament at Stutt-gart from April 14 to 16.

Havant tomorrow. Havant,

themselves, are oway today at Wakefield, whose relegation

worries have been eased by successive wins over Southgate

If Hill continues to score goals

from short corners for Havant,

having converted three last week against Isca in the Cup

quarter-finals, he should give the game's administrators food

for thought in their quest for a suitable forward.

ary at Benalmadena io Spain and during his sojourn in La-hore for the World Cup ap-peared on the field only ooce, for about 10 minutes against

France in the play-off series.

Hill spent three days on the bench in the Four Nations tournament at the end of Janu-

and Harborne.

Saudi invitation A team of British sporting experts, including Charles Hughes, the Football Association director of coaching, has been ioused by the Saudi Arahian Government to visit Jedda and Rivadh to discuss developments in coaching,

MOTOR RALLYING

RAC cuts Lombard event by a day The RAC yesterday announced equally revolutionary change for

its plans for the 1990 Lombard RAC Rally, which will feature a radical new furmat (Stephen Slater unites).

Britain's premier motur rally. Britain's pression Harrogate, which will start from Harrogate, November 25, in Yorkshire, un November will be the most compact RAC rally on record. The overall distance has been reduced by nture than 350 miles and the duration cut from five days to

The recised route, which does not include a cisi to Wales, is concentrated up the North of England. the Midlands and Southern Scutland so as to cut down on the amount of time rally crews spend on the road.

The 1990 event will mark an

competitors. For the first ume in the history of the fally, crews will be given prior warning of the route and will be able to drive through the special stages to make "pace notes" indicating the severity of corners. This is commonplace on many over-seas rallies where a skilled navigator can allow a driver to complete the stages at a far higher speed. Until now, the RAC Rally has maintained the hallenge of competitors driving

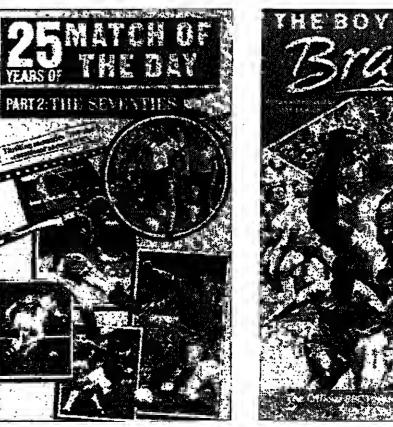
the route "blind". Although the moves put the RAC into line with other world championship events, the new formal may prove controversial with some British crews, who losing its reputation of being a

tough test of endurance, in favour of becoming a high-speed sprint through the forests. Russeli Brookes, a leading

rally driver who has competed in every RAC Rally since 1968. had some reservations about the potential loss of character of the event. "The RAC Raily has been a special challenge because you had to rely on your reactions to handle situations which were just around the corner. On pact notes you simply drive flat out on the instructions of the co-

"I'm sure I'll be trying as hard as ever, but the organizers will have to work hard to prevent the RAC from becoming just another rally, rather than the ultimate test for the drivers."

Tonight, England and Brazil at home.





WOOLWORTHS

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McAules was full of aches and pains. "I don't feel well. Mr Eastwood," he said. "I think I have the flu." Particularly had was a pain in the neck that would not go away — Mickey Duff. The London promoter still has one more option un his flyweight title delence.

"Mr Eastwood, I have been

thinking it all out." McAules said. I hate Mickey Duff. So I'm going to give up my title and fight as a bantamweight next time. I want to be the first trishman to win two world This was markettons McAulet was really out of surts. Curits was going to be in trouble. "If McAules carches Curits he will knock him uut." Enstwood said.

Curtis, aged 32, was in the brilliant American Olympic learn in 1976 that included Sugar Ray Leonard and Leon and Michael Spinks. He is a slick beter, being trained in the basics by Janks Morion. Leonard's trainer. Only Curtis and Leonard of that team are still

Curts turned professional in 1983. He is the USBA champion and is ranked No. 2 hy the 1BF He has had 20 contests, lost three and drawn one. But those deleast were by three world champions, all funtamweights: Gaby and Orlando Campales and Kelvin Scattworks. Cuttis was flowed twice by Orlando Capitales and lost in two tounds.

Cuttis beat Reggie Brown on pools for his USEA title: Joe kells, of Cilasgow, samped Brown in eight; McAuley Brown in eight; McAuley shipped Kelly to fine, McAuley

World sport may lose as map is redrawn

ast Germany took the second highest number of gold medals behind the Soviet Union in both the Dic Games, way ahead of West Germany, respectively in eighth and fifth positions. Together, significantly, the Germans won more than the Soviet Union.

Over the years, East Germany's medals have stemmed from a combination of scientific research and theory, biomechanical and medical knowledge, and a publicly denied but rigorous professional ism among a minority of carefully selected elite competitors. Ingenuity has also been a factor.

When East Germany first entered their own Olympic team in 1968, having previously fielded joint teams with the West for three Olympics, they found they could not afford the necessary altitude training increasingly exploited by leading countries to increase aerobic capacity, whether or not competing in Mexico. In consequence, the East Germans developed secretly at Kienbaum, 20 miles south of Bertin, an underground chamber in which they could simulate, for training, high altitude reduced atmospheric pres-

The idea first arose in discussion with Interflug, the state airline, on the training of pilots. Peter Frenkel, who would win the 20-kilometre walk in Munich in 1972, came from Halle one day a week to train in a small decompressioned room used by Interflug in East Berlin: and the construction at Kienbaum, unknown until recent weeks, duly followed his victory.

Even with the disproportionate

priority given by their government. through the Sports Ministry (DTSB), East Germany's proramme has always been limited by lack of hard currency; forcing them to concentrate for medals on "cheap" events not needing expensive equipment, such as swimming, athletics, cycling, volleyball, canoeing, rowing, gymnastics and skat-ing, and the minority specialist events such as bobsleighing and

The danger is that, whatever the eventual social/political form of unification, unless a common monetary system is quickly established, East Germany will continue to lose performers and coaches to the West at a steady debilitating rate. Nearly 100 coaches are already working in the West, including Horst Dieter Hille, one of the most accomplished track coaches, whose pupils included Marlies Göhr, Barbara Wockel and Renate Stecher. The East German athletic federation has cut its full-time coaching staff from 12 to 4.

"We have no stadium to compare with the competence of Gateshead, where Britain staged the European Cup final," Klaus Huhu,



In the second of two articles from Germany, David Miller looks at

the significance for

sport of their reunification

the doyen of sports journalists with Neues Deutschland in East Berlin, says. "We have reached the top with less than half the facilities of the United States. We have only two ice hockey rinks, one open, and only four covered skating

Those rinks were restricted previously for use by Olympic stars such as Katarina Witt and Jan Hoffman, so that there is little public interest in either figure or speed skating, even though the rinks are now publicly available for the first time. Jutta Müller, Witt's renowned coach, is to give her first international seminar not at Karl-Marx-Stadt but at

Oberstdorf in West Germany. Professor Edelfrid Buggel, East Germany's vice-chairman of the International Council of Sports Sciences, says: "Only if the country can return to stability [after this weekend's elections], will the established principles of the GDR again be proved in sport. We have to create some legal restraints within a free society that will prevent the drain of our best human resources abroad."

t is the same problem that confronts British universities. Already the East German government has stipulated that competitors who leave for foreign professional contracts will forfeit all social security benefits at home. The drain in football is steady, if unspectacular: East Germany, which is drawn in the same qualifying group for the 1992 European Championship as West Germany, Belgium, Wales and Luxemburg, has at present few exceptional players to attract the rich Italian, Spanish and West German clubs.

The most notable departure has been Dinamo Berlin's inter-national, Andreas Thom, to Bayer Leverkusen. Others have been Kruse (Rostock to Hertha Berlin), Schmirer (Halle to Saarbrucken) and Weiss (Wismuth to Eintracht



Clearance: Schmidt, the shot putter who defected to the West

the secretary of DFB, the West German federation, says that the two countries will see through the European Championship to conclusion, whatever the political developments. The most conspicuous change is the new and extensive exchanges in fixtures between youth and junior clubs for the first time in 30 years, compared with no more than a dozen or so per year during that period. The East no longer needs permission.

So what prospect for a joint Olympic team for 1992 in Albertville and Barcelona? Almost all those to whom I spoke, in East and West, thought 1992 to be too early: especially Jochen Grunwald, the newly elected president of DTSB, Wolfgang Gitter, the Olympic Committee secretary, Heinz Kempa, the International Judo Federation secretary, Karl-Heinz Wehr, the International Amateur Boxing Federation secretary, and Heinz Kadow, the national athletics secretary, in the East; and Walter Troger, the Olympic secretary, Erika Dienstl, of the National Sports Federation, and Professor August Kirsch, of the sports institute at Cologne, in the West, Only Willi Daume, the aged and out-of-touch president of the West German Olympic Committee and an IOC member, is pressing for a joint team in 1992.

"We are already preparing, as two, for Barcelona," Kirsch says. "It is not just a matter of reducing from six competitors per sport to three, or two teams to one, but it would be emotionally disruptive. Athletes organize their lives over four or five years, even the arrival of their children, in a planned cycle, and we must respect this contract.
"To be realistic for the Nineties,

we should not expect too much too soon. We cannot forecast the parameters of all factors: what losses sport will have from changing social conditions in the GDR. We must wait and see. There will not be arithmetic progression

from unification." Gitter points out that the combined team of 1956, 1960 and 1964 was a bad tool of politics, with the athletes the victims. It was more important to gain selection than to perform well in the Games. Nowadays, the two countries collaborate over rivalries. Wolfgang Schmidt, the shot putter who defected to the West and whose residential qualification arrives seven weeks after the European Championships in Split, Yugoslavia, this summer, has been given clearance by East Germany.

An undoubted benefit of a joint team would be the generation of emotional international support for a bid for the Olympic Games



Departure: Thom, the Dinamo Berlin cap, now of Leverkusen

of 2000 in Berlin; another ob-session of Daume's. "There has already been a feasibility study by West Berlin", Troger, who is also sports director of the IOC, says. There will now be a commmon feasibility study with the new mayor of East Berlin. We will wait and see what is then decided in September on the host for 1996, and whether, after the Asian Games in Peking, the Chinese decide to bid for 2000, Paris or Milan may also go for 2000. We might prefer 2004."

Wehr, who recently co-

event in West Berlin, says: "The prospect of an Olympic Games in Berlin would provide a wonderful new incentive for young competitors in the GDR."

The strength of a combined Olympic team will depend primarily on the adjustment of East Gemany in its at present immeasurable evolution within a free market. There has already begun in East Berlin a series of round-table discussions between the DTSB, NOC, all political

ordinated an international boxing

parties and the media, on how to balance the shift from elitism to a growth in mass, club sport. "We have abolished Stalinist, centralist administration," Buggel says, "and will create autocracy among individual federations and local organizations. They will have to determine their future."

But only West German finan-cial support will enable the East to restart its involvement in abandoned sports such as water polo, basketball, ice and field hockey, modern pentathion, eques-trianism and table tennis. The two athletic federations have signed a contract for co-operation in technical development, for the mo-ment principally favourable to the East. That will have to be the continuing pattern. "It is easy to come together in cycling and athletics", Diensti says, "but many other [East] sports will need big help. Their fencing clubs, say, have little in the way of equipment."

nd what of the long-held helief that East Germany has been among the leaders of improvement by drug abuse, at an official level? Although admitting that there have been proven guilty competitors, and possibly some officials, there is an emphatic denial by those with and without a vested interest: and not just by prominent performers such as the javelin thrower, Petra Felke, and the swimmer, Kristin Otto.

"People [foreigners] do not understand how we have lifted performances to high levels by strict control, by medical and training disciplines," Buggel says. "We have to find a new understanding of democracy - that freedom does not mean the freedom to be loose and lax. Travel can corrupt. But you cannot reach achievement by giving competitors orders. They are dependent on their own strength of

Huhn, who years ago created the highly regarded Prague amateur cycle road race, knows many of the medal winners personally. "You cannot direct competitors if they don't have the will-power and self-motivation," Huhn says.
"It has to be acknowledged that

many of our champions got there by sheer hard work. And our medical scientists have very advanced information. They have discovered, for example, that the biochemical instigation of epiiepsy enables a competitor to far exceed normal performance. We are in danger of a lot of our stars destroyed by being

commercialization." As Frank Dick, Britain's chief athletics coach, says: "If the East German system is dismantled, world sport will be the loser. All we can be sure of is that the map of sport was changed at a stroke last November."

GUIDE TO THE WEEKEND FIXTURES

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First division Arsenal v Chek Charlton v Nortm For

GM Vauxhall Conference

Cheltenham v Wycombe W Enfield v Chorley...... Famborough v Boston... Fisher Ath v Atmicham ... Sutton U v Macclesfi

Vauxhall League

Aylesbury v Harrow
Bartong v Basingstoke
Bishop's Stortford v Slough
Bromley v Bognor
Dagenham v Hendon
Grays v Redbindge F
Hayes v Staines
St Albans v Marlow

VALDOHALL, LEAGUE: First division:
Cheshert v Wembley: v Walton and
Herstram: Dortung v Hampton; Kingsbury
v Purflect Lewes v Leatherhead: Mot
Police v Whyselette; Tooting and Mitcham
v Heither: Usbingse v Challons St. Peac;
Wheshoe v Southwick: Woking v
Heither: Wood Wordting v Haifow. v Nacher, Usbridge v Challons St Peter; Whenhobe v Southwist, Worlding v Boreham Wood, Worthing v Harlow. Second division north: Avery v Leachworth GC. Billiancay v Witham, Clapson v Barton Rovers: Coller Row v Heritord: Home Hempsted v Raminan, Chapton y Basidon; Sevenage Borough v Berkhantsed; Tring v Royston; Vaushall Mosors v Tibury: Ware v Finchiery. Second division south: Barseed Ath v Abingdon; Bracknell v Russip Manor; Cherisey v Harghald; Egnam v Festham; Faclovell Heath v Ysoong. Mason Vise v Hungerlord; Moses v V Petersteid Utd. Mewbury v Epson and Ewell, Southall v Homehor.

APTHURIAN LEAGUE: Premier division.
Old Cholmeleans v Old Reptomans. Old
Menermans v Old Chigwellians. First
division: Old HadeyOurspis v Old
Bradfleddans. Old HadeyOurspis v Old
Wellingburiens, Old Wykehamists v Old
Algenhamiens.

SMERNOFF TRISH LEAGUE: Ards v Glenavon: Bengor v Ballymena: Distillery v Cruseders; Linfield v Carnck; Newty v

Pomiliantrath v Pernorote.

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Charton Ath v Gillingham; Fulham v Chelses! Ipawich v Leyton Onens;
Norwich v Milliweit: Portemouth v West
Ham; OPP v Arsenal; Southend v Tottenham; Wantord v Cambridge. Second
division: Bournemouth v Addershot, Brachelon: Bournemouth v Addershot, Bratillo City v Brighton; Brissol Rovers v
Tesding: Cotafrester v Crystal Palace;
Luon v Swindon; Northampton v
Southempton, Totrenham v Breinford.



Second division

Bournemouth v Sunderland. Brighton v Bradford Leeds Litd v West Ham... Leicester v Port Vale Middlesbrough v Blackburn Portsmouth v Oxford Sheffield U v Wolves.

HFS Loans League

Premier division Bishop Auckland v Southport Caemarton v Witton...... Fleetwood v Frickley..... Gateshead v Shepshed

HFS LOANS LEAGUE First divisi Accumption Stanley v Winstord, Alfreson v Netherheidt, Curzon Astroon v Droysecte Entley v Newtown; fram v Pennith; Lancaster v Farsley Cettle; Rededife Borough v Whitley Bay; Rossonale v Harrogate; Worksop v Estawood Hanley;

SKOL NORTHERN LEAGUE: Billingham Town v Ferrytill; Blyth Sparans v Gusporough (3 15): Essangton v Brandon; Grems v Consett Seasam Red Star v Durham; South Bank v Spannymon; Stockton v Billingham Syn; Tow Law v Altwick; Whatcham v Shadon; Whitby v Newcastle Blue Star.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE:
Premier division: Armitiorpe Weitare v
Thackley: Begger v Ginneihorpe MW;
Endington Town v Setton: Brigg v
Hattield Main; Denaby v North Shelds;
Gusseley v Bridlington Trinity: North
Fermby v Harrugare RW; Pontetract Cots v
Hallam.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier di-wage: Bidelord v Weltor; Brasso Manor Farm v Chand: Frome v Themon; Mangotsfield v Lekeard Att; Pymoush Arg v Chappenham; Satteen v Clevedon; Taumon v Exhoush; Torringson v Swanage and Herstort; Weston-super-Mare v Pauton.

Manchester U v Liverpool (3.30)

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Southern Christon: Trowbridgs v Bury (2.50). VALIGHALL LEAGUE: Premier divisions

RUGBY UNION

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WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL MATCH:
Great British v Italy (at Moseley RFC, 3.0).
LONDON AND SOUTH EAST: Heritordstake President's Curr First Taberd v Ord
Verviamians. Serts, blire Price
Waterbouse Cusp: Plenk Alzbey v Reading.
Sities Handd Williams Suesast Cup:
Seast-Pasket. Lewes v Haywards Hearts.
Worthing v Horsham. Surney Cup: FirstSatton and Epsom v Ord Midwingsframs.
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v Porstmy. dt.

3.0 unless stated
BRITISH COAL TEST: France v Great
British in Perpignen, 2.0.
STONES BITTER CHARBYONSHIP: Burrow v Cassalind 2.30; Braddord v
Bhaffald (3.30; Laign v Widnes (3.30;
Sarbord v Hull Second dhelesse: Certists v
Hurstell (2.15). Haldas v Bedley: Huddersfield v Brannley (3.30; Hull KR v
Whasheven, Nogingheth v Karghey; Outham v Runcon; Switten v Dewstury;
Trafford Borough v Fulliam (3.30);
Worldington v Rochdele,

BASKETBALL

CARLSEERG LEAGUR: First division: Sunderland v Kingston (6.0); Leacester v Manchester (4.0); Brachrell v Solent (Fivermed, 4.0); Second division: Doncaster v Manchester (4.0). Women's Brad division: Genebasid v Nottingham (2.0); Northampton v Bradon (3.30); Sheffield v Stockbort (4.0).

HANBALL

Barclays League

Third division

Bristol C v Brentford Crewe v Swansea. Fulham v Bristol R L Orient v Tranmere..... Mansfield v Shrewsbury. Notts Co v Walsall . Reading v Blackpool.

Burnley v Maidstone Colchester v Aldershot... Doncaster v Torquay Exeter v Peterborougi Herelord v Stockport monin v Chesterfield

Beazer Homes League Premier division Alvechurch v Gosport Atherstone v Gravese Burton v Ashford.....

one v Worcester

Weymouth v Cheimstord ...

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE Midland devision: Budgnorth v Graniham; Halesowen v Barry; Hednestord v Bistor; King's Lynn v Tarmworth: Leoesser v Bocworth; Redditch v Dudley; Sandwell Borough v Banbury; Spating v Stourbridge; Stroud v Nuneston Borough; Scroud v Racing Club Warwock Willenhall v Rushden, Southern division: Angover v Durstable; Baldock v Folkestone; Burnham v Poole, Bury v Bastley; Eritin and Belvecere v Buckingnam, Margale v Hassnogs; Satisbury v Centerbory; Shappey v Yate; Trowbridge v Hourslow; Wilney v Cornthaz.

BASS NORTH WEBT COUNTIES LEAGUE First chivelot: Astron v St Helens: Atherton LR v Vauchall GM; Citiveros v Prescot Cables; Colwyn Bay v Boode.

HOCKEY

HOCKEY
POUNOSTRETCHER NATIONAL
LEAGUE: First division: Cannoux v Bronley (Four Crosses Ground, Cennock,
2-30): East Grinstead v Old Loughtonens
(Parlingtin School, Horsharit, 2-15):
Herporne v Southgate (Hadley Stadium,
Brimingham, 12-45): Hawart V Hourstow
(Hanart College, 2-15): Stourport v Weston
(Grange Road, Solfhul, 2-0). Second
division: St Albane v Peterborough (Carerce Perk, 2-30).
ABDLARSE; Calch meterhes: Birmingham
Manicpal v Sutton Coldfield, North Stalford v Newcastle under Lyme School
Megples v Old Wuthunlams: Old Stimilians
Capteri's XI v President's XI. Aldridge
Tournament.

ICE HOCKEY

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BeGLISH LEAGUE PLAYOFFS: Chaims-lord v Basingsmas (6.30); Oxford Cty v Bracknet (6.0).

BYTERNA TIONAL CHALLENGE: Romford v Australia (5.15).

OTHER SPORT

ARCHERY: National Indoor champion-ships (Newport, Shropithre).

ATHLETICS: Kodak Classic (RAF

CYCLING: Grand Prix of Essex (Hal-

Motor Sports: International Rai-

SWIMMING: Bitish Grand Pila

TENPIK BOWLING: National Champion-

MEKEN LEAGUE: Premier division: sift v Notingham (6.30): File v raylisid (6.30), Solihuli v Whitey (7.9).

TOMORROW

Tennents Scottish Cup Fifth round

Aberdeen v Hearts. Clydebank v Stirring A Dundee Utd v Hibernian Dunfermline v Cettic. B and Q Scottish League Premier division St Mirren v Rangers

First division Clyda v Raith R Falkirk v Partick

Hamilton v Ayr...... Meadowbank v Forfar... Monton v Albion R...... St Johnstone v Alloa Second division Arbroath v Montrose

Brechin v Dumbarton

E Fite v E Stirling

Queens Park v Cowdenbeath... nhousemur v Kilmarnock Stranraer v Queen of Sth

FA TROPHY: Fourth round: Bath v Stafford R; Kidderminster H v Coine Dynamo; Kingstonian v Barrow, Leek v Darlington.

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First di-vision: Liverpool v Manchester Utd (2.0). OVENDEN PAPERS COMBINATION: Southampton v Charlton: Tottenham v

HOCKEY
POUNDSTRETCNER NATIONAL
LEAGUE: First division: Bromley v Weston
(Newssead Wood School, Orpingion,
12:30). Carnock v Old Loughtsmans (Four
crosses Ground, Carnock, 1:15); indian
Gymithana v Herborne (Fethram School,
20); Isca v Hounistow (Orany St Mary,
2:30); Reading v East Grinstead (Sorming
Lane 2:30); Teddington v Stourport
Teddington School, Broom Ross 12:30); Wakefield v Havant (Marley Stadum, 2:0).
Second division: Breen v Neston (Bristol
University, 12:15); Cambridge City v
Guidford (Coldhams Common, 2:30);
Camerbury v Richmond (Polo Farm,
Canterbury v Richmond (Polo Farm,
Canterbury 2:30); Covertry and North
Warwickshire v Browbourne (Coventry
School, 2:0); Doneaster v Peterborough
Town (Grove Sports Centre, Newari,
12:45); Gore Court v Bournwife (Hotybush
Lane, Sevenoaks, 1:20); St Alban s v
Lyons (Carence Park 2:30pm), Warrington v Teurnon Valle (Albert Park, Saford,
1:30). HOCKEY

1.30.
TYPHOO NATIONAL WOMEN'S
LEAGUE: (One venue - Cheimer Park,
Cheimsbord) Exmouth v Great Harwood
(9.30), Highnown v Leicester (11.15);
Slough v Cheimslord (1.0), Sution Cold-field v Eating (2.45); Orpingron v Cirton
(4.30).

Final February (2.45); Urjanyon Fed v Esting (2.45); Urjanyon (4.30).
PERONI SOUTH LEAGUE: Premier division: Marden R v Anchonans; Sevencials v Bognor. Xent-Sussex Regional League: Brighton v Tombroge, Old Wisamsonians v Lewes; Rochtord and Visamsonians v Lewes; Rochtord v Lewes; gional League: Bingmon v Tomonige, Old Williamschians v Lewes; Rochford and Giffing: an v Worthing.

MIDLANDS: Club matches: Armington Adders v Corby; Aship v Derwont; Barbury v Normempton Samts: Barton v South Normingham. Belpor v Beeston; British Royce : Bromsgrove v Aston v Rolls Royce : Bromsgrove v Aston University; Chesterfield v Shefiseld: Evestam v Bendgnorm; GEC Stationd v Michelm; Gymint v Sish Umon (Norts); Hampton in Arden v Nuneaton; Hampton in Aldindga; Kingswerflord v Norvernspington, Ludlov v Pershore, Aughen Drayton v Tethord and Smirial, Meston Belviors v Loughoporough Town, Newark v Grantfarm, Norm Nors v John Player : Norbingham v Harborne; Nors Gregory v Tamworn, Old Hallsoniums v Vitarwich, Old Wulfurners v Stafford; Oldon v Derby Reddich v Engoeston; Ropych v Mest Bridgitord; Sanobach v Barlaston; Streetury v Chapletown; Sumon Coldheig v GEC Rugby, Wombourne v Worcester Norton.

LACROSSE tine Northern League First di-lion Cheade v Old Hulmeians, Melor v I Waconians; Timperiev v Heaton procy, Wilmstow v Sheffield Stealers. Second division: Sheffield University v
Heaton Mersey A.
BRINE SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Upper Conference: Beckennam v Bath: London v
Hachin: Purity v Kenton, Lower Conference: Brighton v Hiscott Suchiurst
Hill v Croydon; Southampton v Ghipstead.

RUGBY UNION Five nations'

championship Scotland v England (at Murrayfield,

Club matches Askeans v High Wycomb Bedford v Gosforth (6.0). Bridgend v Glamorgan W . Camborne v Exeter Coventry V Harlequins (12.0). Gloucester v Llanelli Hawick v L Scottish (12.0) ... Maesteg v L Weish Morley v Malone

Neath v Abertillery
Newport v Cross Keys
Nuneator v Lirsh
Preston G v Davenport (12.30)
Richmond v Wasps (12.0) Roundhay v Northern . Sale v Orrell

Sale v Orrell
Saracens v Blackheath (12.30).
String Co v Henot's FP(12.0).
Swansea v Carditt (2.30).
Tredegar v Lydney.
Vale of Lune v Rugby.

W Hartlepool v Headingley (12.45)...
SCOTLAND: Club matches: Glasgow High-Kelvinside v Hutchesons: Dumfines v Annan: Lenzie v Drumpellier; Edinburgh Academicals v Glasgow Academicals; Courns v Northern; Corstophine v String Courny: Lintlinghow v Hillinead-Jordshift; Royal High v Percy Park; Preston Lodge FP v Biggar: Trinsty Academicals v Kirkeldy; Broughson v Leith Academicals; Grangemouth v Aberdeen GSFP: Haddington v Glennothes; Kircauldy v Harris Academy FP; Perthistre v Madras Codege FP; Melrose v Alinweic: Gala v Howe of File.

LONDON AND SOUTH EAST: ADT Asse-GSFP: Haddington v Glennothes;
Kroauldy v Hams Academy FP, Perthshire v Madras College FP. Melrose v
Altweck; Galla v Howe of Fite.

LONDON AND SOUTH EAST: ADT Asctions CLOB Merit Table: Old Alleynains v
Old Hadepourans: Old Blues v Old
Publines; Old Dunstonens v Old Craileghans; Old Blues v Old
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Craileghans; Old Blues v Old
Craileghans; Old Blues v Old
Liddan, Old Johnans v Old Freemans;
Old Andwhenphans v Old Regeman; Old
Tiffingens v Old Emanuel Fullerin Brewerly
Medicleace County Merit Tables Russip v
Grasshoppers. Tendem Seven Counties
Merit Tables Southend v StreamanCroydon: Upper Caption v Whoodlord.
Hertfordshire Merit Tables Hernet Hempstead v Patches, Hertford v Old Elzabe
thers; Tabard v Cheehunt, Welwyn v Old
Abbanians Chib mesthes: Alton v Maddenhead: Andover v Devizes; Amtiers v
London Franch; Ashbord v Gillingham
Anchonans: Askears v High Wycombe;
Bacavans v Camanogems, Benhury v
Rushden and Higham: Benhorth v
Changlord: Bernet v Old Kingsburans,
Benerses Ironsides v Old Islewortheris;
Beckenham v Old Dartbordans; Bedford
Swifts v Datchworth; Betteshanger v
Rushden and Higham: Benhorth v
Changlord: Bernet v Old Kingsburans,
Benerses Ironsides v Old Islewortheris;
Beckenham v Old Dartbordans; Bedford
Swifts v Datchworth; Betteshanger v
Rushden and Higham; Benhorth v
Changlord: Bernet v Old Kingsburans;
Beckenham v Old Dartbordans; Bedford
V Farnham; Craway v Dorking,
Dunstablans v Oxford Marashor; Earling v
Twokenham; Eastlesgin v Brackmals; Entit v
Maddstone; Eton Menor v Colchester:
Esher v Makastone; Fetherin v Old
Handstone; Harnmersmith and Fulliam v
Wembledon, Harriow v Itswich; Harpenden
v Tanan Wands, New Hitton v Lyenett
Minster: Norwich v Hasherians; Hold v
Wembledon, Harriow v Plawer, Harpenden
v Tanan Wands, New Matton v Lyenett
Minster: Norwich v Besterians; Hold v
Wembledon, Harriow v Plawer, Harpenden
v Tod Rushingars v Old Vertalamser v Old Pelhammens;
Vold Rushingars v Markow, Old Reaconnians v
Vold Publammins;
Vold Wendsworthamen v Vold Pel

Nosp v Hossyn Pk U-23; Sandown and Sharwin v Basingstoke; Seduc v OMT; Southampion v North Dorset; Staines v Brighton; Stocknood Park v Thurrock; Sudbury v Sutton and Epsam; Suney Police v Woking; Thames Poly v Catzers; Timg v Chirino; Trogas v Selsbury; UCS Old Boys v High Wycombe A; United Services v Guly's Hospitat; University Vandals v Orieans FP; Ventior v

Petersfield: Vigo v Crowborough; Wan-stead v Old Grammaners; Westellif v Rochford: Westcombe Park v Tunondge Wells; West Norfolk v Old Nortrempon; Whitspahle v Old Gravesendlans; Whitspahle v Old Gravesendlans; Wimborne v Bournemouth.
WEST: Club matches: Aller v Chard Utd; Avonvale v Broad Plein; Beshopston v Taumon Vale; Bristol Hariquins v Kingswood; Bristian v Penryn; Bude v Bodnic; Camborne v Exeter; Chew Valley and Carl Camborne v Exeter; Chew Valley

Taunton Vale: Bristol Harreques v Kingswood; Bristnein v Penryn: Bude v Bodhier; Camborne v Exeter; Craew Valley v Old Cothamians; Clove v Chappenham; Cithon Wends v Dings Chisaders; Devon and Comwall Police v Pentance-Newlyn: Gordeno v Old Cotsomens; Homets v Tredworth; Imperial v Chappeng Sodbury; Lankelly-Fowey v Plymouth YMCA, Launceston v St I was: Melishem v Backwell; Minehead v South Moliton; Morganians v Burnham; Newquay Homets v Hayle; Morth Bristol v Barton Hill. Old Bristollans v Argusis; Old Elizabethans v Old Ashtomans; Ciddled v Dorchester; Old Sullans v Sherborne; Plymouth Alb Extess v Otersampion: Refurth Albany v St Austell; St Just v Veor; St Mary's Old Boy's v Argusis v St Ages; Stroud v Torquay Att; Trowbridge v Bath Ole; Truro v Falmouth; Weston-super-Mare v Redutt. V Bristollans

Saraceris. MIDLANDS: Club matches: All Spartans v Rugeley: Ashfiold v Anstey: Aylescome St James v Hundrigdon: Banbury v Ruchom and Higham; Barnstey v Worksop; Bellyrave v South Leicester; Berkevell and Baisall v Wednesbury: Bewelley and Stourport v Wullmar; Biggleswede v Stevenage: Bingham v North Kesteven; Birmingham Welsh v Berber; Bromsgrove v Stratford on Avon: Buston v Belber; Camp Hill OE v Edwardlers; Cresterfield v Leouster Extra; Cinderford v Berber; Camp Hill OE v Edwardlers; Chasterfield v Leouster Extra; Cinderford v Burton; Congletion v Old Languages v Streembury; Drytonok v Hangswarth; Dutley Kingswinford v Klodermary v Million Keynes; Downson v Streembury; Drytonok v Hangswarth; Dutley Kingswinford v Klodermarsker; Durlop v Burton; Congletion v Old Leastmigton; Hereford v Matson; Keritsvorth v Aylesbury; Keritsvorth v Newborth; Leenham v Old Leastmigton; Hereford v Matson; Keritsvorth v Strono Coldited; Lincoln v Massifiett; Long Box Coldited; Lincoln v Massifiett; Long Bustoty v Biocester; Long Eston v Massifiett; Long Bustoty v Biocester; Long Eston v Massifiett; Long Bustoty v Biocester; Long Eston v Massifiett; Long Bustoty v Loughborough; Newmarket v Bedford Swifts; Newport v Broad Street; Northampton Bi Old Boys v Afferstone; Northampton Headiters; Old Laurentians v Northampton Headiters; Old Laurentians v Spertans; Old Covernians v Protey; Old Grefinistins v Utdowers; Old Laurentians v Spertans;

Today

ICE HOCKEY: Screwisport 4-6pm: Net-

Richignes, Redditch v Drowers; Hubry Owen v Alcester; Rugby Weish v Earlsdon; Shipsson v Coverdry Technical; Southern v Calverdon; Spelding v Köwenth; Stefford v Köttering; Stendard v Selly Oak; Stewarts and Lloyds v Luton; Stoke Off Boys v Meiller; Stouthridge v Huddensfield; Southwell v Scammorpe; South Wigeston v Aytestone Athlelic; Tamworth v Paviors; Tellord v Luctoniens; Towcestrians v Ampthilt; Vacorbell Motors v Corthy; Veseyams v Oid Centrals; Wellingtiorough OG v St Noots; West Bridgford v Newsic; Wigeston v Trinity Guid; Willenhall v Rugby St.Andrews; Wilton v Michelin; Wolverhampton v Derby; Woodrush v Kings Norran; Worcester v Newbold; Wrechen v Elmingham and Sollhull.

Birmingham and Solhuli.
NORTH: Club smatches: Acklam XV v Hull
and ER; Advick v Leeds CSSA XV:
Alrebronians v Dinnington; All Spertans v
Leesbrook; Armthorpe Markhem v
Houndway XV: Ashton-Under-Lyne v
Heaton Moor; Baldon v Wetherty; Bertsley v Wortsoo; Barbon v Homase;
Blackburn v Caldy; BP Chemicals v
Yorkshine CW; Bradford and Bingley v
Durham CTV; Bramley v Indey; Burnage v
Asput; Blucton v Beiger; Calder Valle v De
is Salle (Satterd); Casterlord v Moorsowr;
Chester v West Park (St Helens);
Cleicheston; v Yarnbury; Cohe and
Nelson v Thornston Cleveleys; Conpleton v Ashton-on-Mersey: Old Crosseyans v
Severey: Old Phymerians v Grandby, Old
Beverley: Old Phymerians v Grandby, Old
Rodderrians v Sendel Serar-ons; Old
Rodderrians v Sendel Serar-ons; Old
Rodderrians v Southon: Old Settlens v
Botton: Orrell XV v South Liverpool; Ottey
v Keighley; Poddington v Scarbonough;
Port Screight v Old Instanters. Rochdele v
Coverny: Roddlens v East
Rossendsle
Roundbegans v B

Sheffield Polysechnic v Sheffield University; Sheffield Tigers v Huddersfield Tigers v Huddersfield Falcons; Southport v Oldheim; Vale of Lone v Rugby; Wakefield v Waserloc; Warrington v Leight Wensteydelse v Sock-ton; West Harsenpool v Heedingtos; West Leids v Winseley Hills.; West Park Branthope v Wath; Wharfeddle XV v Burley; Wilbery v Disbury Toc.H; Winselow V New Englaton; Winsel v Ormsfork Withernsea v Cleethorpes; York Ri v Bradford Salem; Yorkshire Mein v Rowntrees.

RUGBY LEAGUE .. STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: .51 Helens v Wakefield (2.45).

BASKETBALL

CARLABERG LEAGUE: Derby Leicester: Manchester v Kingston; Soli v Bracknet. Carolif, Kirldes v Manchester; Cadordes Carolif, Kirldes v Manchester; Stock v North London; Watford v Midd brough, Flost division wonser; Kingste Efriction (4.0); London YMCA v (paw (6.0); Sheffield v Crystal Palece (5.15).

ICE HOCKEY HEINEKEN LEAGUE: Premier division: Ayr v Fife Flyers (7.0): Notingham v Solfull (6.30): Peterborough v Whitley (6.30): First division: Humbarside v Med-way (5.15): Swindon v Stough (5.0): Tellard v Trafford Metros (7.0). ENGLISH. LEATURE PLAYOFFS: Basingstoke v Romford (6.0).

OTHER SPORT BADMINTON: Young All-England Open championship (Wernoley). *Notingham).* SWIMMING: British Grand Prix thempton). PON BOWLING: National Chaptolon-

SPORT ON TV

SCHEMBOR SERVICE: ITV 4.45-5cm.
RUGBY URION: Serosport 2.30-4pm at 12-1.30am (torocrow): Five sadio chemplonelip: Highlights of Southern England from Marrinyfield.
SAINT AND GREAVER: 1,15-1.45pm. SAINT AND GREATHER 1, 13-1 Appril.
SIGNIC Screensport S-8,30em and 6-6,30pm; United States pro-tour: HighSpins from Mouze Sections, Orogan, and
Stowe, Vermont: Eurosport 1-2,30pm and
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Bruce Sandison reveals the spell cast upon Scotland's literary giants by the

waters of St Mary's Loch. Their tales are told at the hearth of Tibbie Shiel's Inn, which

provided Border hospitality to

fishermen through the ages. Good

catches are still made by anglers today

the inn:

t Mary's Loch in Ettrick Forest is a magical place where wizards and fairies still haunt the silent glens; rounded by wild hills and distant moorlands, where curiew call and lark sing. The heartland of the Borders, peopled by a hardy and pragmatic race who have survived the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune for thousands of

Throughout history, the Scottish Borders have been both battleground and place of refuge; from Roman times, when Picts were ousted from their great fortress on Eildon Hill; William Wallace and Robert Bruce gained strength from the wilderness; King Henry IV passed this way when he burned the border abbeys in 1400; the tragedy of Flodden Field; the site of a bundred other personal fights and squabbles between rival border claus.

The only battles that rage now by St Mary's Loch, have been caring for travellers and fishermen

for nearly 200 years.

The old hostelry, which dates from the late eighteenth century, is one of the most famous in the Scottish Borders, James Hogg, the Etnick Shepherd, was a regular visitor, as was his friend, Sir Walter Scott. Another of Hogg's friends and drinking companions was Thomas Tod Stoddart, angler and author of the first book on Scottish fishing, The Art of Angling as Practised in Scotland, published in 1835 and later republished as The Angler's Companion to the Rivers and Lakes of

Stoddart was trained as a lawyer, but throughout his life practised little other than fishing. He ed on the road once by the local magistrate who inquired what he was doing with himself these days. Outraged, Stoddart roased: "Doing man? Doing? I'm

Stoddart is best known for his life-long love affair with the River Tweed, and for his verses, of which my favourite is the "An-

They've steekit the waters agen

They've steekit the burnies an'

We hae na a chief to befrien' us, Our laird's aye makin' the law. We'll get neither yallor nor grey-

Nor bull-heid nor sawmon ava: The laird he's aye at the savin'.

An' hauds to us weel wi' his law. Yer flees ye may set them a-

bleezin'. Jock Our wands they may gang to the

It's neither in rhyme nor in reason, Jock, To coor a kick-up wi' the law. That ilka intent should miscarry,

Our laird he's kin to the Shirra,

And sib wi' the loons o' the law. But faith, ye'll agree it's a hard-

To gie up our rights to the craw; The neist time we meet wi' his lairdship, Jock, We promise him licks for his

law. An' e'en when the mirk is anearin'. Jock. Wi' pock-nets and drag-nets an'

We'll gie his hit poonds sic a cicarın'. Jock. Our laird he'll look twice to the

law. We'll no spare a ged or a gudgeon, Jock, We'll no spare a fin or a jaw; Lord pity the crazy curmudgeon,

He'll sune tak his leave o' the

Stoddart and James Hogg were expert anglers and fished together many times on S1 Mary's Loch. One of their most notable days was May 4 1833, when they shared a boat, catching 79 trout weighing 36lb. No doubt they celebrated their victory over a dram or two with Tibbic.

Isobel, "Tibbie Shiels", the first owner of the inn, was born near Ettrick in 1783. In 1806 she married Robert Richardson, who was employed as a mole-catcher on the Thirlestane Estate of Lord Napier. When her husband died suddenly in 1824 Tibbie was left almost destitute with a family of six children; so she decided to set up in husiness as an innkeeper to

provide for her family. Tibbie Shiel's Inn was much used by anglers who came to fish St Mary's Loch, but because of its essociation with James Hogg. Thomas Tod Stoddart, Sir Walter Scott, Robert Louis Stevenson,

Thomas Carlyle and other literary

figures, it soon became a gathering place for poets, writers and journalists as well. In his excellent booklet, *Tibbie Shiels*, published in 1986, Michael Robson recounts

an early visitor's impressions of

"The old fashioned kitchen of Tibbie Shiel's Inn was the model .of what a kitchen ought to be; it had such an air of cosy warmth and welcoming hospitality. In the vast open fireplace were glowing peat embers, the kettle sang on the hob, the white-faced grandfather's clock ticked beside the bink, and was there ever anything so quaintly picturesque as the box bes with their sliding doors? But best of all was Tibbie's spinning wheel on one side of the hearth, and Sir Walter Scott's armchair on the other."

Another patron of Tibbie's, and friend of the group, was Christopher North, pen name of Profes-sor John Wilson, lawyer and Professor of Moral Philosophy at Edinburgh University in 1820. Wilson described Tibbie as being "a shrewd, kindly, comely woman" and, given Wilson's reputation, Tibbie must have had a strong personality to keep her distinguished guests in order. His friend, William Maguire, wrote of him as: "A sixteen stoner - a cocker, a racer, a six-bottler, a twenty-four tumbler -- an out and outer - a true upright, knockingdown, poetical, prosaic, moral, professional, bard-drinking, fierce-eating, good-looking honourable, and straight-forward

John Wilson was a well-known sportsman and keen angler. He bestowed upon bimself such titles as MA, Master of Angling, and FRS, Fisherman Royal of Scotland; but be is best remembered for his column in Blackwoods Magazine. The articles were written under his pen name "Christopber North" and describe the adventures and exploits of North and the Shepherd, who was James Hogg, and Tickler, John Gibson Lockhart, who married Sophia, Sir Walter Scott's elder daughter. Lockhart was described by Hogg as: "A mischievous Oxford puppy for whom I was terrified; dancing after the young ladies and drawing caricatures of everyone who came in contact with him."

North's Noctes Ambroisane and later Recreations of Christopher North lampooned polite Edinburgh society and were instantly popular. They included frequent references to the great angling exploits of the Shepherd, as in Solendide Mendax, when Hogg

tops" one of North's fishing tales: Shepherd: "Poo, that was nae day's fishin' ava, man, in comparison to ane o' mine on St Mary's Loch. To say naething about the countless sma' anes, twa hunder about half a pun', five-and-twenty about fowre pun', and the lave rinnin' frae half a stane up to a stane and a half, except about half a dizzen, aboon a' weicht that put Geordie Gudefallow and Huntly Gordon to their mettle to carry them pechin to Mount Benger on a haun-barrow."

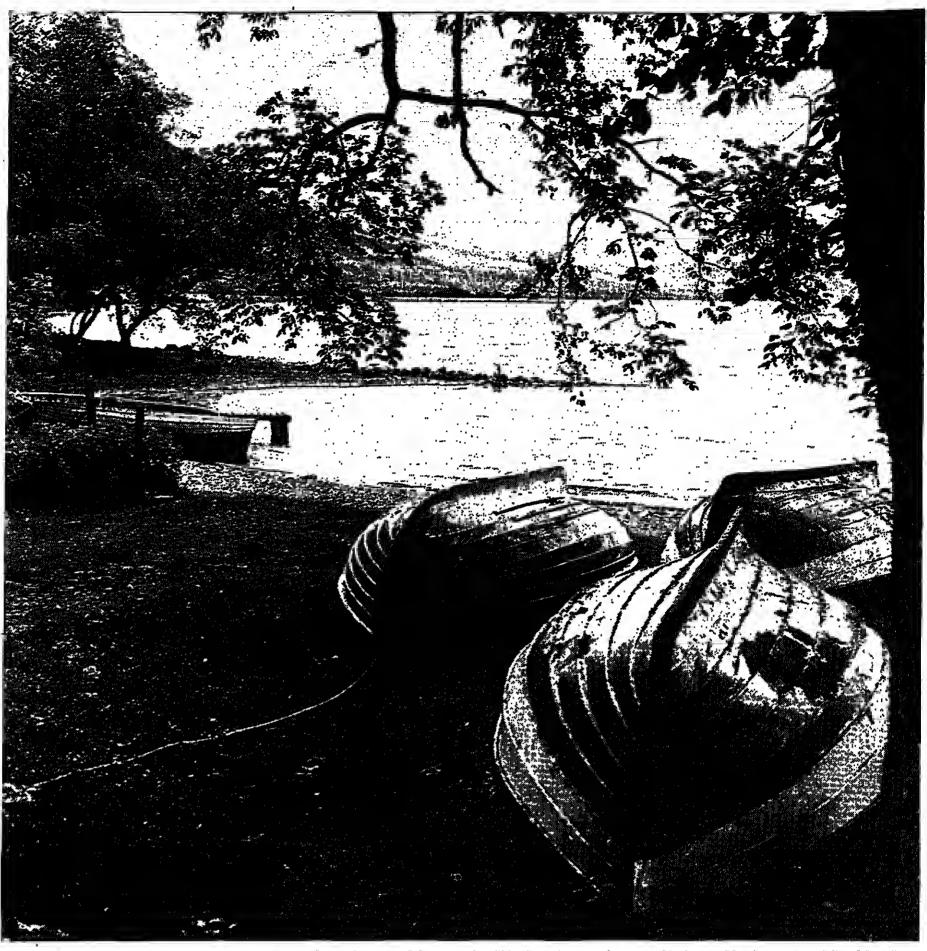
It was rumoured that Tibbie Shiels had a "soft spot" for James Hogg and towards the end of her life she is reported as saying: "You Hogg, the Shepherd, ye ken, was an awfu' fine man. He should bae tae'n me for he cam coortin' for years, but he just gaed away and took another."

Tibbie outlived most of her more famous customers and died in July 1878 at the age of 96, but the memory of the charm of the innkeeper by St Mary's Loch and her famous customers lives on. Tibbie Shiels is a place of pilgrimage to this day.

was first introduced to James Hogg in the Lyceum Theatre, Edinburgh, during the International Festival, when Ann and I attended a stage production of his novel, The True Confession of a Justified Sinner. There was a lot of shouting and running about, dramatic gestures and sparse, unworldly scenery, so I nudged Ann, and we slipped quietly from the theatre, down the street to the nearest pub.

James Hogg, the Ettrick Shepherd, was born in 1770 and he described his great novel as a revelation that "salvation was not contingent upon faith, but was the effect of justification, of grace". I still find the book hard to naderstand, but readily acknowledge its stature as one of the most signifi-

cant works of Scottish literature. Hogg's poetry, however, is another matter and in it I believe, he sometimes rivals Burns and frequently surpasses Sir Walter Scott, his friend and mentor:



Magical place: St Mary's Loch in Ettrick Forest, which has inspired great exploits with rod and line down the centuries, attracting the worship of several noted Scottish authors

'The rough roads must have been jammed with artists and literati, notebooks poised'

See yonder pawkie shepherd, That lingers on the hill, His ewes are in the fauld, An' his lambs are lying still: Yet he dawna gang to bed, For his heart is in a flame. To mee his bonny lassie, When the kye comes hame.

Hogg was a border shepherd, born at Ramsaycleuch in the Ettrick Forest, son of an impoverished farmer. He had little formal education and confessed that even at the age of 20 he had difficulty reading and writing.

Like Robert Burns, Hogg was influenced by his family and surroundings. His parents were deeply religious and much given to long, scriptural arguments. Their stern Calvinistic faith was nurtured by one of the Borders' most famous preachers. Thomas Boston. People would walk miles each Sunday to hear Boston preach and his congregation generally numbered upwards of 700

thirsting souls. Hogg's grandfather, known as "Will o' the Phanp", was reputed to have conversed with the fairies. and Hogg liked to refer to himself as "King of the Mountain Fairy School" of poets. The songs he composed for local girls brought him great popularity, but throughout his life, as poet, writer and novelist, Hogg never achieved the recognition his work deserved, in spite of constant support and encouragement from Scott.

Hogg and Sir Walter Scott were introduced to each other in 1802, by John Leyden, another shepherd's son and poet, when Scott was collecting stories and tales for his Border Minstrelsy. James Hogg's mother was well known in the area as a positive mine of such information, and the two men struck up a friendship that lasted all their lives. Hogg said Scott was: "the best and most steady friend l ever had to depend on."

Hogg's mother was not so certain about Sir Walter, or his inquisitiveness concerning tra-ditional Border ballads, and she is reported to have told the great man, crossly. They were made for singin' and no' for reading; but ye hae broken the charm an' 1100 they'll niver be sung mair."

Scott's namesake, Michael Scott, might have agreed. He was known as "Scott the Wizard" and Sir Walter claimed him as an ancestor. The Wizard was born in 1175 and after an extensive education, at Oxford, Paris and Bologna in Italy, hved most of his life in the Borders. He is reputed

to have set a devil to work, to keep him from harming the local community. The devil's first task drowned. Only three soldiers and one native bearer survived.

But perhaps the most famous was splitting the Eildon Hills into three parts, then constructing a stone dam across the River Tweed. The final task, which kept the devilish intruder busy for ever, was to weave a rope, out of sand. The "wondrous wizard's" grave may still be seen to this day at Melrose Abbey.

During the latter years of the eighteenth century this small corner of the Borders was home to a remarkable number of outstanding men. John Leyden, born at Denholm on September 8 1775, was a poet and Orientalist of international fame. After graduating from St Andrews University, Leyden took np a medical appointment in Madras, India, and translated the Bible into several Far Eastern languages. He died in Java on August 28 1811.

ungo Park, the explorer, another farmer's son, was born at Foulshiels. on September 20, 1771, near the "Meeting of the Waters", where the rivers Ettrick and Yarrow mingle; and as a surgeon, be joined the East India Company in 1792. Three years later he was employed by the African Association to explore the River Niger, which he followed almost to Timbuktu. Park's book of his journey, Travels in the Interior Districts of Africa, Performed in the years 1795, 1796 and 1797 is a masterpiece of its kind and Thomas Carlyle described Park as being "One of the most unpretending and at the same time valuable specimens of bumanity.'

But no man is ever a hero in his own bome, and the story is told of Mungo returning from one of his expeditions to his parents' house. When the explorer knocked on the door, late one evening, his mother inquired: "Who in the world could that be?" One of Park's brothers is reputed to have replied: "Oh, that will be oor Mungie. I saw him at

the market the day."

After a short period as a doctor in Peebles, in 1805 Park set out once more for Africa, along with bis brother-in-law, Thomas Anderson, and 45 British soldiers and a large contingent of native porters. The expedition ended in disaster. After a canoe journey of some 1,000 miles, Park and his companions were attacked by natives at Yuri. During the fight their vessel capsized and they

But perhaps the most famous

Border man was Waher Scott, born in Edinburgh in 1771 where his father was a lawyer. His mother, Anne Rutherford, was the daughter of Dr John Rutherford, Professor of Medicine at Edinburgh University; and both parents were descended from ancient Border families: the Scotts of Harden and Buccleuch, and, on his mother's side, the Swintons.

Scott's early years were spent at his grandfather's farm at Sandyknowe, near the old Border tower of Smailholm. An attack of poliomyelitis as a child left Scott lame for life, but nevertheless, he was a tall, strong man, noted for his outdoor and sporting interests.

Smailholm must have greatly influenced the young Scott. The gannt, dramatic tower stands on a rock ledge, 700 feet high, dominating the surrounding landscape. Similar Pele Towers are scattered throughout the Borders, watchtowers and forts against the incursions from across the border.

The disaster of Flodden Field in September 1513, when the flower of Scotland fell around their impetuous king James IV, prompted the building of these towers. An Act of Parliament in 1535 ordered that any man owning land worth more than £100 should build a Pele Tower for the protection of his dependants; and even as late as 1804, fires were placed on the towers to warn of approaching danger, should Napoleon succeed in his plans to invade Britain.

Scott is, in my opinion, the outstanding figure of Scottish literature; and 1 first met Sir Walter, and his work, at the Royal High School of Edinburgh, where Scott was a pupil. A bust of Sir Walter sat on a window-ledge at the bottom of a flight of stairs leading to the English department, and each year, with irreverent gice, we used to give our famous former pupil a red nose.

In time, I learned to love Scott and, in doing so, simply followed a long-established tradition; because Scott was as much admired for his qualities as a man as be was for his excellence as a writer. Byron, in the midst of public scandal, wrote to his friend Scott: "I owe you far more than the usual obligation for the courtesies of literaure, for you went out of your way in 1817 to do me a service when it required not as nearly a thorough good man as

a man can be".

The sheer volume of work Scott produced, let alone its quality, leaves anyone who pretends to be a writer aghast. Often, when struggling with words before my high-tech word-processing system. I think of the great man, in his dark little study at Abbotsford, scratching away with pen and ink, hour after hour, and still finding time to be the most devoted of husbands and caring of fathers.

Abbotsford, Scott's magnificent house overlooking the sweetly flowing Tweed, was purchased in 1811 and named after a crossing place on the river used by the monks from Melrose Abbey. When financial disaster overtook him because of his interest in Ballantyne's publishing business, Scott's creditors gave him the bouse; and it has remained in the family ever since.

Like most of his contemporaries, Scott was a great traveller and at times I think that the rough roads of Scotland must have been positively jammed with artists and literati, notebooks poised, tramping their way through the country. Caustie Welshman, Thomas Pennant; Johnson and Boswell; Wordsworth, and sister Dorothy; Robert Burns; Mrs. Murray; Samuel Taylor Coleridge; Southey and Thomas Telford; Queen Victoria and Prince Albert; Baden Powell; and many more. Battalions of them, all describing and commenting upon what they

ames Hogg also went "walkabout", writing regular re-ports of his travels to Sir Walter Scott, who persuaded the editor of the Scots Magazine to publish them as a series of articles which appeared in that magazine from 1802 until

Hogg tramped many weary miles, faithfully recording his impressions along the way, and his account tells as much about the writer as it does about what he reports of the countryside. His personal diary reveals a kind, thoughtful, decent man, with a wonderful sense of humour. courteous and friendly at all times and in all circumstances.

In 1802, Hogg travelled from Etterick (Hogg's spelling), by way of Edinburgh to Perth, then on to Blair-in-Athol and Dainacardoch. The following year be toured the merely kindness, but courage to Highlands, leaving home on 27

May and arriving in the Trossachs on 29 May; visiting Rob Roy's bome at Glen Gyle by Loch Katrine, and Inversary Castle on Wednesday, June 1. From Inversray, Hogg went north, to Fort William, Lochaber, Kinlochewe and Dundonnel: and then over the Minch to the Outer Hebrides and the "heather isle" of

Hogg's last tour in 1804, took him, mostly by sea, to Argyllshire, the Braes of Ardnamurchan and back to the Outer Hebrides. He was so enraptured with the island of Harris that be considered moving there permanently. But the journey almost cost him his life when their vessel, the Johnson, "a strong, English-built sloop was nearly wrecked in Loch Sunart in a mighty gale, vividly described by Hogg in his letters.

James Hogg was a happy man, who enjoyed his hard, active life, saying that he couldn't "distinguish one part from another, save by some remarkably good days'

St Mary's Loch still keeps anglers happy and content and although the great days of Hogg, Stoddart and Wilson have long since gone, good catches are often taken. Brown trout average approximately 10 oz in weight and most seasons produce a few fish over 3 lb. As always, it is all a matter of being in the right place at the right time, with the correct fingers crossed.

West of Tibbie Shiel's Inn is a statue of Hogg, holding his shep-herd's crook, stone-deep in thought, watching rising trout he may no longer catch, hearing new voices telling old stories of ones that got away. In his hand is a scroll inscribed with the words from his poem, 'The Queen's Wake': "He taught the wandering winds to wing.'

And in the bar, the ghosts of the literary 'old boys' of the loch gather round: Thomas Stoddart, choosing a fly; Lochart, eyeing a pretty barmaid; John Wilson, warming himself for the fray with a large dram; Sir Walter, nodding by the fireplace; all still kept in good order and splendid discipline by the shades of Tibbie, one of the Borders most enduring and bestloved characters.

This is an extract from Tales of the Loch by Bruce Sandison, to be published on May 3 by Mainstream Publishing of Edinburgh

Absentees clear the path for Whitaker

From Jenny MacArthur s' Hertogenbosch

John Whitaker's chances of winning his — and Britain's — first show-jumping Volvo World Cup in next mouth's final in Dortmund, West Germany, have dramatically increased following the withdrawal of two of the favourites for this year's competition — Ian Millar's Big Ben from Canada and Thomas Fuchas' Dollar Girl.

Big Ben, winner of the Cup for the last two years, was operated on for a twisted gut last Sunday and will be out of competitions for at least two mouths. Millar is hoping that he may be fit again in time for the World Championships in Stockholm in

July.
The leading Swiss rider,
Fuchs, who Whitaker singled Fuchs, who Whitaker singled out earlier this week as his other main rival, will be out of competition for at least two months after breaking ribs and his left leg while trying to help a "cast" horse in his stable.

With Henderson Mitton — on which Whitaker was second to Miller in last year's final — going better than ever Whitaker is unfillely to have a better chance

unlikely to have a better chance of winning the elusive Cup. Tomorrow the pair, who won the Paris World Cup qualifier last week, attempt to repeat that feat here in the penultimate

qualifying round.
Jennie Loriston-Clarke on
Dutch Gold, Britain's only contender in the Nashua Dressage
World Cup final, is lying seventh after yesterday's Grand
Prix test and will have to find
some extra brilliance in today's
Freestyle to Music competition,
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recestyle to Music competition, the last part of the final, if they are to equal their fourth position of last year. Dutch Gold, a son of her former top horse Dutch Courage, made some small mistakes and was less relaxed than he had been when finishing third in the Paris qualifier last

The Grand Prix was won convincingly by Sven Rothenberger, of West Germany, on Andiamo, one of the favourites to win the final. He finished 55 points ahead of the runner-up, Michael Klimke, the son of Reiner, West Germany's most successful dressage ruler, on Entertainer. Nina Menkova from the Soviet Union took from the Soviet Union took third place with Dikson. Prize money for the final is to be substantially increased to SwFr 100,000 (about £40,000) next year when Volvo is to take over the sponsorship.

Lorison-Clarke, a specialist in the Freestyle to Music com-petition, should benefit from the new formula for future dressage championships amounced yes-terday by Wolfgang Niggli, the chairman of the dressage com-mittee. A Freestyle to Music final is to be introduced in 1991 as an alternative to the existing final, the Grand Prix Special, with two sets of medals being

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Leng goes west for success

By a Special Correspondent

The Aldon Horse Trials ocar Yeovil in Somerset have attracted some 638 entries with novices running today and the best horses going tomorrow. The organizer, Susan Batten, says the old grass parkland has perfect going. The momentum is increasing in the eventing world with horses noticeably fitter

after the open winter, and with Badminton six weeks away, and the world championships some two months earlier than usual in array of ioternational riders using British events as a training ground. Heading the list of British riders is the world champion, Vitginia Leng, on Master Craftsman, her Europeao Championship winner, and Griffin, her Rotherfield Park champion, has withdrawn from the British team for the Kodak Classic indoor international against the United States and the Soviet Union at RAF Cosford tomorrow. Jackson,

winner, both competing for the first time since their successes last year (Griffin won the Foxhunter Show Jumping competition at Cookham last Rodney Powell and Mayday. and Captain Mark Phillips and Cartier also have their first outings of the season, and Mary Thomsoo fields a handful of kings, Cuthbert, Boris and Samuel, with Rachel Hunt and Robert LeMieux both repaired from injury also competing. In addition, three riders each from Korea, Spain and Austra-lia and four from New Zealand,

RACKETS

Favourite will encounter no lack of rivals

Neil Smith, the Queen's pro-fessional, is top seed for the Lacoste British Open championship which starts today at the Queen's Club (Sally Jones writes). Although James Male, the world champion, is away skiing, Smith, a fluent left-hander should still face a tough challenge from the former world champion, Willie Boone, the second seed, or Shannon Hazell, the Clifton professional, seeded

No. 3. Despite a slight wrist injury, Hazeli will be hoping to repeat his recent victory over Smith in the British professional singles final. The event's sponsor, John Prenn, the fourth seed, is still acking match fitness although he is now looking sharper after a slow start to the season.

including the Olympic cham-pion, Mark Todd, with his Bockolo winner, Pedro the Cruel and Jued Lad, will also An investigation into a breakdown in communication which led to several athletes missing the semi-finals of the 60 metres

at the national indoor champiou-sbips at Cosford last Saturday has concluded that the bulk of the blame lies with the com-

After The Times reported on Monday that five athletes had failed to turn up — in a least three cases because they had not realized they had qualified — the Amateur Athletic Association conducted an investigation, the findings of which were an-nounced yesterday.

It said that the championship co-hosts, the AAA and WAAA,
"accept some of the responsibility" but added that "the
onus is on the athlete to find oot whether he or she has qualified for the cext roood of

The athletes' usual primary source of information, the main notice-board, did not provide a Saturday results service, carry-ing only leftovers from Friday evening. The reason given was that officials were "too busy".

By David Powell, Athletics Correspondent Cosford have been going on for donkey's years. Why it should suddenly have broken down is

> Roy Rogers, the meeting director, was asked by the AAA for his explanation of how athletes came to miss races just one week after Britain was left embarrassed by its admin-istrative howlers at the Euro-pean indoor championships at the Kelvin Hall in Glasgow. In response to its inquiries, the AAA said: "The pinning of results on the notice-board is a courtesy service and one which, because of the demands of this particular Saturday, did not function, which we regret.

"It was very unfortunate and we have to accept some of the responsibility for the fact that the athletes clearly weren't get-ting their information. But the onus is on them to obtain that information and not to await developments. If necessary, ath-letes must pester officials in the assembly area to find out whether they have qualified for the next round."

Tony Jarrett in the Common-wealth final in Auckland, comes season's extraordinary demands on Linford Christie who could be excused for feeling as if he were Edberg or Becker being asked to play a sixth set. in as replacement.

Jackson, who set a UK allcomers' best of 7.43sec, just 0.07sec sway from the world record, last Saturday, burt himself on Tuesday. He rested for two days hping the injury would clear, but yesterday there was no real improvement.

Christie has become the long distance sprinter. He crossed the starting line before Christmas and has never been off the pace. He won the Commonwealth Games 100 metres and, in the subsequent indoor season, is unbeaten after five races at 60

Once, in Athens, he came within 0.01sec of Lee McRae's world record. No one doubts that Christie will win, but after the mill be has been through, the world record of 6.50sec is surely safe for another season.

In the excitement of young Jason Livingston finishing second to Christie last weekend, the substantial performance substantial performance or another promising Briton tended to be overlooked. Rob Denmark, 21, lines up for his British senior debut as reward for winning the AAA 3,000 metres. His time of 7min 54.41sec looks encouraging alongside Jack Buckner's 7min

46.1sec British record. Why the sudden improve ment? "Since October I have been training on Tuesday nights at Jarrow with Mike McLeod and Steve Cram. I have been giving Crammie as good as he gives me and now I am more confident," Denmark said.

The Soviet and American strength in the field events compares favourably to the weak British line-up, but the Commonwealth high jump silver medal winner, Dalton Grant, was drafted into the team yesterday to bolster the home challenge.

The most famous of the Soviet visitors is their head of delegation, Irina Press, the for-mer Olympic pentathlon and hurdles champion, whose sister, Tamara, was also a double Olympic champion.

Cecil was referring to the untimely death of Lady Moon, who died in Ireland at the age of 10 last weekend. She had recently produced a Kris filly foal and was due to visit Sadler's Wells shortly. Cecil already has Moon Cactus, a full-sister to the foal and twice a winner last year, in his care. Wakashan is named after a family of North American Indian languages and is

"It's impossible to say when he might run. So far, he's only been-cantered. He's a big,

he makes up into a decent three-year-old for

his dam, who had the makings of a great

backward type with potential and let's he

owned by Darley Stud Management. He will run in the colours of Sheikh Mohammed, who will be seeking his sixth successive owners' title in the new season, which begins at Doncaster on Thursday. Dancing Brave has made a full recovery from the illness which threatened the early stages of his stud career and is now well into his fourth year at Dalham Hall in Newmarket Among Cecil's other Dancing Brave two-year-olds is the wonderfullynamed Lowawatha, out of Shorthouse, owned by the Cliveden Stnd. The Queen also has a well-named colt, Hiawatha's

Song (out of Soprano) in training with

William Hastings-Bass at West lisley. In a oine-race career, Dancing Brave experienced defeat only once, when an unlucky second to Shahrastani in the 1986 Derby. Crystal-ball gazers who believe that Wakashan can go one better than his illustrious sire at Epsom in 15 months' time, can avail themselves of 500-1 with William Hill.

· Home On The Range, dam of the 1987 Derby winner, Reference Point, has died while foaling at the Coolmore Stad in

Phil McLennan

Whip bans bring harsh A welcome Brownslone to lead the way criticism from Caulfield

no trouble at all."

By George Rae

Two years on: Wakashan, the first-born son

of Dancing Brave, canters on Newmarket Heath earlier this week in the hands of

Peter Emmerson, one of Henry Cecil's stable lads. Right, how he looked as a two-

Officially the best horse of the Eightie

Dancing Brave was retired to stud after his outstanding victory in the 1986 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe. He will have his first

runners this year, his initial crop consisting

of 16 colts and 20 fillies. They are now in

the care of 19 different trainers with André

Fabre having five and Guy Harwood and

day old foal in early February, 1988.

Michael Caulfield, secretary of the Jockeys' Association, was yesterday highly critical of the Cheltenham stewards' actions in

offences.
"In fact, I'm extremely angry," Caulfield said. "Racing is not a game of precise boundaries, it must be based on interpretation and discretion. The stewards were at best nawise in enforcing so stringently the regulations relat-ing to the use of the whip."

sham McCourt, successful
on vorton's Coin in the Gold
Cup, was the most celebrated

collected two-day suspensions argument. for excessive use after fighting "The out the finish of the Queen Mother Champion Chase on Barnbrook Again and Waterloo

Boy respectively. Davies and Dunwoody will have their respective appeals heard on Tuesday but McCourt has decided against pursoing his case. "I am not happy about the suspension and still feel I was hard done by." McCourt said yesterday, "although I did mark the horse. But there were no marks on him this morning and be was perfectly all right." be was perfectly all right."

"The stewards are suggesting that three of the best riders in

the country behaved like hooli-

Colin Jackson, the Common-wealth t10 metres hurdles

who was planning an attack on the world 60 metres record, strained a hip muscle in training and has withdrawn as a precau-

tionary measure. He said: "With such an

important summer season com-ing up, I don't want to take any chances." David Nelson, who was third behind Jackson and

Athletes blamed for

missing their races

truth. Each gave his mount an excellent ride, drawing the best from them in high-pressure situations. They should be praised, not damned, for their chile."

Events at Cheltenham have brought the question of jockeys' use of the whip, and particularly the guideline of hitting a horse a maximum of 10 times, back into the public arena. Since the instructions were brought in two years ago, jockeys under both codes have adapted their styles to conform with the

"I understand that the Jockey case. He was banned for three days for using the whip with a degree of severity which injured the winner, but Hywel Davies and Richard Dunwoody both only revived an emotive

"The jockeys have done everything in their power to make the whip instructions work. No-one is going to flout them for the sake of it. It saddens me that we have worked so hard to help the Jockey Club, and have now been betrayed by a lack of under-standing. Rules should be obcyed, but those same rules must be tempered by common-

However, David Pipe, the Jockey Club spokesman, had little sympathy with Caulfield's arguments. "The stewards at Cheltenham did what stewards

ATHLETICS

Injured Jackson withdraws

from the big indoor finale

real improvement.
Without him, the Britain men

will have a much harder task tomorrow, when they attempt to follow up their victory over the East Germans last week by seeing off the other two athletics

gans," Caulfield added. "Nothing could be further from the years," he said. "Every decision they took was in line with established practice. Nothing, absolutely oothing, was

Born at Aston Upthorpe Stud in Oxford-shire, Wakashau then spent 18 months at Kildangan Stud in Ireland, before joining

Jimmy Lenchan, responsible for breaking in the yearlings at the Co Kildare stud, remembers Wakashan well. "He did

everything right. He was a particularly good-looking, well-grown colt and gave us

Wakashan will have no serious questions

asked of him for some time. His shrewd

trainer, who has few early two-year-olds, would not be drawn into naming even an approximate time for his racecourse debut.

Cecil at Warren Place last Nove

professed themselves happy with the whip instructions. Indeed, they played a significant part in the way they were framed the stewards simply applied that the indeed they have the applied what the jockeys themselves had agreed

"It is not realistic to clamour for changes because several of their number have been caught transgressing." Pipe went on. "There is no evidence in these cases to indicate further dis-"In the past the jockeys have

claimed that stewards are prone to picking on the lesser names. Now they are complaining because the stewards have acted famous occasion. They cannot have it both ways."

Racing next week MONDAY: Wolverhampton, New-

TUESDAY: Fontwell Park, Nott-WEDNESDAY: Worcester, Kelso. THURSDAY: Doncaster, Towcester, Devon. FRIDAY: Doncaster, Newbury,

Bangor, Hexham. Flat meetings in bold

in the hillside

By Paul Wheeler

Sirrell Griffiths, trainer of 100-1 Gold Cup winner Norton's Coin, was back at his farm in Nantgaredig, near Carmarthen, yesterday, savooring his

The permit-holder, who was and permit-holder, who was enjoying only his seventh success in II years, returned to a hero's welcome."We got back to the yard at 10 o'clock. It was full by then and we didn't get to bed until three," he said. "And today we've here were like the here is we've been parading the horse in the village."

After Thursday's dramatic victory, the racecourse vet-erinary officer found seven weal marks on Norton's Coin, evidence that led to Graham McCount receiving his suspen-sion. But Griffiths reported yesterday: "There's not a sign of a mark on him."

et of McCourt. "I think it's stupid. When it comes to a big race, and you're fighting out a finish, what are you supposed to do? I think the stewards were trigger happy."

Griffiths is undecided about future plans for his champion.
"He's entered for the Martell
Cup at Liverpool. But he'll only
run if I think he's well enough, otherwise I'll wait until next

SATURDAY: Doncaster, Newbury,
Bangor, Hexham.

Flat meetings in bold

Nick The Brief has been ruled out for the rest of the season after being pulled up in Thursday's Gold Cup.

CYCLING

Meal after

wheels

is the aim

By Peter Bryan

Colin Sturgess, Britain's only world champion, has his first race of the season today in the Am-Pro Wembley RS event at

Am-Pro Wembley RS event at Lingfield.
Since his Belgian sponsor, ADR, surprisingly withdrew from the sport in January. Sturgess has been trying— without success—for a cootract with an established team. The

closest I have come is an offer from the United States but there

would be no money in it for me except anything which I won,"

he said yesterday.

"The last thing I want in building up for the defence of my pursuit title in Japan is the

pressure of oot knowing where the next meal is coming from in

Today's race should be domi-

nated by the Ever Ready and Crown-Chafes professional

teams, convincingly beaten last weekend by Alan Gornall, now reinstated as an amateur, at West Bergholt, Essex.

The country's leading ama-teurs - with the exception of the

national champion, David Cook

—are all competing tomorrow in the Grand Prix of Essex, the first event of the Star Trophy.

an overseas country."

in Cambridgeshire qualifier The recent winner of the Bieester adjacent race, Brownslone, looks to be the form horse for *The Times* Championship qualifier at the Cambridgeshire point-to-point this afternoon.

in a competitive open race at Larkhill, Brownslone pulled up when his chance was gone but Point-to (-point on his next outiog, at Mollington, stuck to his task well, Tom Illsley producing him at the last to beat Prince Pippin by a couple of lengths. Championship to be as good as any, though he will have to be on top form to beat General Wrekin. Forty-one entries have been received for the race and these

include Dictatorship, second in a restricted at Cottenham a fortnight ago, and Harpley Madam, a disappointing favour-Golden Link may provide Philip Scholfield with another winner in the Land Rover open at the Quantock and for the same sponsor's qualifier at the Holderness, Lord Purna gets the ite at the same meeting.
The Tanatside organizers will be well satisfied with an entry of

Philip Scouler has ridden most of his 50 winners at Tweseldown and has a strong hand for today's Club meeting. 199 for their first meeting. In the open. Mount Argus may con-firm his Weston Park form with since, but the issue is not that simple with Pepe Blues and Oakley House in the possible It would be no surprise if be won the first race on Frere Hogan and the last on Oanik. line-up.
Toby Balding's 19-year-old

The open race here is crammed with the talent but assistant, Hamish Rowsell, beads a 35-strong entry with Wellington Brown for the Audi qualifier at the New Forest. A winner at the United Services, Namoos, a course winner, looks to be 1 mer than most, provided he can randie the firmer ground. With rain for most of the week, the going at Bogside is unlikely to be fast for the Eglinton. A disappointing entry of only. Il has been received for the Wylies' Gold Cup open where last year's winner, Tartevie, may not be good enough to beat Secret Brae. Wincanton, Levantage Lad and Mischievous Monk may provide the main opposition.
In the corresponding event at the Cottesmore, Periscope looks

lo the Tivyside open, Timber Tool, looks to have a distinct edge. After winning for Tim Rooney at Erw Lon, this combination went to Llanfrynach last Saturday and leoked year inversive. ooked very impressive. The chips could be down at

the Dart Vale where the five-time winner, For A Lark, could meet Khattaf, unbeaten in both of his races. Last year, when these two met at Bratton Down, For A Lark came out best and I expect the same result today. Ancella is the only winner

from last year returning to the Harkaway and he would have a fair chance of a repeat if ehoosing to run, under Alistair Ulyet, in the adjacent.

store on the Welsh Borders with 256 entries for eight races at the should again win his members'

TODAY'S MEETINGS: Cambridgeshire, Horseheath, 3m E of Linton (Brist race 1.30); Crimemore, Gerthorpe, 5m E of Melton Acwitray (1.0); Dart Valle & Haldon, Ittery St Mary, Im SW of town (1.5); Eg., stan, Boggode, 1m N of krime (1.45); Golden Valley, Brochwardine, 7m E of Hay-on-Mye (12.30); Herkawey Club, Chaddesley Carbett, 6m W of Bromsgrove (1.15), Holdemess, Dalton Park, 5m NW of Beverley (1.30); New Forest Buckhounds, Larkhill, 3m NW of Amosbury (1.5); Questhock Steghounds, Wilton, 4m E of town (12.30); Tanestoke, Eyton-on-Severn, 6m SE of Shrewsbury (12.30); Tweeldown (10.0), Tweseldown (10.0).

YACHTING

Lamazou

sets solo

record

From Malcolm McKeag Les Sables d'Olonne

FISHING

Wellington Brown went on to win a hunter chase at

this afternoon.

ity's vital powers to clean op rivers.

In a speech to the Royal Chemical Society he said that the Environmental Protection Bill was proposing to take responsibility away from the NRA for probably as much as 80 per cent of industrial effluent discharges into rivers and give these powers to the Pollution Inspectorate.

The inspectorate, a movern-

The inspectorate, a government department, has been widely criticized as ineffective, and the government has been making efforts to revive it. Part of the plan is to give it some of the powers which were given to the NRA only last year. Lord Crickhowell said the

NRA had been having "vigorous exchanges" with the Depart-ment of the Environment to

think it necessary."
The NRA would do its best to

make the proposed new system of integrated pollution control work but was equally determined to ensure that these new and more complicated arrange-ments would not weaken in any way the NRA's determination to carry out the tasks given to it by Parliament to be the guardians of the water environs

Lord Crickbowell also called for a clear national strategy for dealing with farm waste. He said that some 200 million tons of animal excrement and the efflu-ent of some 36 million tons of silage had to be dealt with every year. That meant at least as much animal effluent was placed untreated on the land as human ent which in a large part had been treated. He said that the NRA wel-

comed the Government's inten-tion to introduce regulations relating to the storage of silage.

Lamazou's Ecurcuil d'Aqui-

With Loick Peyron expected

Pollution control change criticized

ensure that the transfer of those powers to the Pollution Inspectorate did not reduce the effectiveness of pollution control of

And he issued a blunt warn-slurry and agricultural fuel oil ing: "We have made it very after the consultations which clearto the Secretary of State were now going on.

Cusack cannot contemplate failure After the retirement of Ann failure. The 1982 world cham-mentally on form," Cusack said

Hughes, Britain's two leading lightweights, Loretta Cusack and Nicola Fairbrother, are locked in battle for supremacy (Nicolas Soames writes). Tomorrow they each have a

chance to catch the eye of the team manager, Roy Imman, when they compete in the Belgian open championships at Arion, attended by a British contingent of 14 seniors and eight juniors. Cusack cannot contemplate

pion is 26 and looked formidable io winning her Commonwealth Games title with a strangle. But she was beaten by the 19-year-old Fairbrother in Germany last mooth on a split decision, and if she really intends to be selected for the European Champion-ships in May she needs to win

"I felt I was on walkabout during that fight, but I know I

reporter, acknowledges her opponent's experience: "I will have to fight very well to wio but I have beaten her twice now."

fight before the British Open,"

featherweight champion, Sharon Rendle, is also compet-ing, "I haven't fought since wioning the Commonwealth Games and I need a warm-up

solo ocean racer, finally stepped ashore here at 1.30am local time asnore nere at 1.30mm local universely sterday, the winner of the Globe Challenge non-stop single-handed round-the-world race in 109 days 8hr 48mio

Lamazou's feet had barely Lamazou's feet had barely touched the pontoon before he was swept aloft by the throng of wellwishers who had sat up half the night to wait for him.

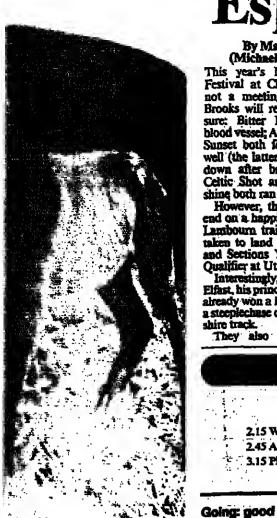
Lamazou's time beats the official record of Dodge Morgan, an American, of 150 days for a non-stop solo circumnavigation by 41 days and is also considerably quicker than the unofficial record of Olivier de Kersauson, the French multi-

hull sailor, of 125 days.

The first modern yachtsman to sail non-stop round the world was Robin Knox-Johnston, who took 313 days in the original Golden Globe race in 1968. Of all these, however, Lamazou is the only one to have sailed truly without stopping and without physical outside contact: even knox-Johnston went briefly aground on his trip and de Kersauson stopped twice to offload film.

taine had been slowed by light head-winds in the final approach to Les Sables in the Bay of Biscay, thwarring plans for an even bigger daylight welcome. but even so jazz bands, many small craft and a fireworks display greeted his entry to the

to finish in the early hours of this morning there remaio five competitors still in the race, with three more of the original 13 completing the course unofficially, having been forced to accept outside help. Three others have already retired.



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JACK stayed on wait to best Worthy Knight here [2m]
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Title 81 at Newbury (2m 44, good); yet to win at this
tip.
WITHY BANK 11 2nd of 9 to The Wilk at Catterick (3m 41). Selection: WITHY BANK (mp) o lead the wa

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Espy to get the better of old rival with a similar race in Decemfirst division. When he was successful When he was successful

Festival at Cheltenham was second, victory going to Elfast not a meeting that Charlie by half a length. Espy, though, the saddle.

Brooks will recall with plea. was giving his rival 5lb.

No One To Blame, my sure: Bitter Buck broke a In napping Espy now, I am selection for the Dog and blood vessel; All Jeff and Hazy siding with the horse who Partridge Tutbury Handicap blood vessel; All Jeff and Hazy siding with the horse who shine both ran badly.

end on a happier note for the he made a big impact. Lambourn trainer with Espy

2.15 Withy Bank.

3.15 Philosophos.

2.45 Arctic Skylight.

2.15 MATFEN HANDICAP CHASE (£3,108: 3m) (10 runners)

2.45 ROTHBURY NOVICES HURDLE (£1,842; 2m 4f) (13 runners)

same ooviee hurdle at with a similar race in Decem- Novices' Chase over three be thwarted by Babil in the Newbury the autumn before ber, I still feel that it goes miles.

Sunset both fell when going seems more likely to be suited well (the latter had to be put by today's distance of 21/2 down after breaking a leg); miles. For while his first two Celtic Shot and Bajan Sun-victories over feaces were over only two miles, his third However, the week should was over three at Ascot where

In contrast, Elfast has given taken to land the Steel Plate the impression that he is and Sections Young Chasers better over the minimum trip, Oualifier at Uttoxeter today. even though he has been Interestingly, both Espy and placed over today's distance.

Elfast, his principal rival, have While conceding that I Like

While conceding that I Like already won a hurdle race and It A Lot, who also disa steeplechase on the Stafford- appointed last time, is capable the track of much better, as he clearly the best bet at Chepstow, in showed when running away the Tony Preston Memorial of much better, as he clearly

3.45 Unscrupulous Gent.

S Turner J O'Gorman (3)

A Orkney

R Storey

Mrs V Jackson

5.15 Austhorne Sunset.

4.15 Rostherne. 4.45 Dunloring.

NEWCASTLE

Selections

By Mandarin

Brian Beel's selection: 3.45 Ready Steady.

Long heading: Randomly 9-13, Preben Fur 0-10.

BETTRIC: 11-4 With Bank, 7-2 Old Applejack, 6-1 Nautical Joke, Tarten Trademerk, 15-2 Gembridge Jupiter, 12-1 High Edge Grey. 10-1 Furtans Wonder, Randomly, 25-1 others.

1888: DURHAM EDITION 11-12-0 C Grant (6-4) W A Stephenson 6 ran

METTING: 5-2 Arctic Skylight, 4-1 Jesters Prospect, 9-2 Nlad, 6-1 Viridien, 8-1 Park Slave, River Pearl, 12-1 Way Clear, 14-1 others.

1909: ITALIAN TOUR 9-11-3 K Ryan (10-1) Mrs G Plownight 11 ran

FORM FOCUS ARCTIC SKYLIGHT Light Boy at Ayr (2m, soft), PARK SLAVE 151 3rd of best Sperions 31 at Catterick (2m, good to firm).

JESTERS PROSPECT 58 3rd of 21 to Midstand Glens grew title Course and distance (good to soft) with NAD (3b better off) 31 4th and ROYAL BEE (3b) better off) a tailed off 14th.

MELEAGRES 161 7th of 21 to City Congress at Carry Selection: JESTERS PROSPECT

3.15 NORTHERN CHAMPION JUVENILE HANDICAP HURDLE (4-Y-O: £5,900: 2m) (11

METTING: 9-4 Philosophos, 4-1 Rouyan, 5-1 Dancing River, 13-2 Carbisdale, Ambuscade, 10-1 Sybilin

1969: BANK VIEW 4-12-0 G McCourt (S-1) N Tinkler 9 ran

FORM FOCUS PHILOSOPHOS anowed improved from when bearing Californ 61 at Kerryton (2m, good) with CANSINDALE (6th betwer off) 61 3rd and MOUTAN (8th betwer off) a tailed off 7th. AMBURCADE, unbeaten over turdles, best Sagaman 61 at Kelso (5th, good to soft); earlier best Cornet (winder the files) 1/1 over the same course and distance (good to soft).

**GRRBSDALE 144 th of 5 to Ninja at Heydock (2m, heavy) where the form has worked out well. FAVOSIQ put up best effort on penultimate start when beating Dire Jay Poe 101 at Wincenton (2m, good to soft). TOP ENTERTABLES 61 at Kelso (5th, good to soft); earlier best Cornet (winder the files) 1/1 over the same course and distance (good to soft).

**Selection: PHILOSOPHOS

Course specialists

CHEPSTOW

Selections

By Mandarin

Michael Seely's selection: 2.45 Babil. The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.15 LISLARY LAD.

2.15 JOHNSEY ESTATES NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£2,310: 2m) (8 runners)

BETTING: 11-4 Countrook, 7-2 Tebelina, 4-1 Quarry Yown, 6-1 At Hashim, 0-1 Roscott, 12-1 Devils by, 25-1 others.

1986: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

2.45 HARE AND HOUNDS NOVICES HURDLE (Div I: £1,800: 3m) (18 runnars)

Going: good (back straight good-firm patches)

46 HARE AND HOUNDS NOVICES HURDLE (Div I: £1,800

461101 BABL 7 (F.O.S) (A Christof) N Twiston-Davies 5-12-1

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4 HERE TURG OF GOLD 15 (O) (Arts J Mould) D Nicholson 5-11-10.

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3.45 Duntree. 4.15 Sirrah Jay.

1251 PHILOSOPHOS 21 (D.F.G) (P Stade) J Baker 12-0...

No One To Blame, my Chase, is trained by Nicky Henderson, who at least had cause to celebrate at Cheitenham after the victories of Master Bob and Brown Windsor.

In No One To Blame, he has a promising stayer who still looks oo a lenient mark, having beaten Uncle Merlin more easily than the judge's verdict of three lengths might

have suggested at Ludlow at the beginning of this month. Combermere is my idea of

of a mare by Sovereign Path, Combernere stays amazingly well. That was evident at Devon and Exeter in January when he easily beat Royal Battery over three miles and a forlong. Since then Combernere has done even better over shorter trips at

With Tug Of Gold and Duntree running, David Nicholson will have good claims to winning both di-visions of the Hare and Hound Novices' Hurdle.

Kempton.

Duntree, whose half-brother Sandown because of the firm Ravaro stayed so well, I feel going by winning the Builder that Tug Of Gold could well Group Gold Cup.

When he was successful at Doncaster a week ago, Babil was winning his third race in four starts, all since being

Twelve months ago, class prevailed at Newcastle when Bank View won the Northern Champion Juvenile Handicap Hurdle under 12 stone. Now, I expect the pattern to be repeated by last month's Kemptoo Philosophos, who has made the long journey north from Tiverton in Devon.

At Lingfield, Sprowston Boy can justify the decision of his While I think that the connections to sidestep last second division can go to Saturday's Imperial Cup at

3.45 NORTHUMBERLAND HUSSARS HUNTERS CHASE (Amateurs: £2,581: 3m) (10

FORM FOCUS DOUBLAS BRIG 13 STRAIGHT PILOT 38 2nd of 11 to Footuniter's runserup Gid Nick at Catterick (3m 1/ 180yd, good to Set at Kebo Gan, good to soft; serifer 1 1/ 2nd of 8 to Rying Ace at Hendam (3m, good to soft) with STRAIGHT PILOT (8th worse off) fell 13th. OWEN DUFF best Tot Splendid 11 at Wetherby (3m 100yd, 1mm) tenset, previously best Phyling Ace 201 at Pertit (3m, 1mm).

**READY STEADY 25/1 2nd of 4 to Oalday House at Haydock (3m, beavy) where WATER WAGTAL (3th bester off) fell and remounted and pulled up.

**STRAIGHT PILOT (8th catterick (3m 1/ 180yd, good to Strain (10 12 to Pertit (10 13 to Menter Eyel at Doncaster (2m 44, good to firm) with SIRILLTAN (same serms) 10 5th.

**WATER WAGTAL 25/ 2nd of 14 to Crammer at Haydock (3m, beavy) where WATER WAGTAL (3th bester off) fell and remounted and pulled up.

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0		ROSTHERNE 24 (BF) (A Budge Ltd) Jimmy Fitzgerald 0-11-2		9
7		SECRET LIFE 64 (P Piller) W A Stephenson 5-11-2		_
8		JOE BUMPAS 70F (D,F) (W Spink) T Barron 4-11-0		2
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11		PREMIER PRINCESS 29 (G) (D Drury) W Bentley 4-10-9		8
i2		BIG BEAR 224F (Mrs J Watson) K Morgan 4-10-8		_
13	PPMP	DINSDALE LAD 24 (Armstrong/Greenwell) M Barnes 4-10-8		_
14		SLDER PRINCE 24 (W Pratt) M H Easterby 4-10-9		
15		LIGHT DANCER 14 (P Daly) L Codd 4-10-6		ě
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1989: LYNEMORE 7-10-10 J Callaghan (6-4 fav) N Crump 15 ran FORM FOCUS MOMENT OF TRIJTH

2 at Sadgafield (2m. good to soft on penultimate start, HEADLEYS BRIDGE 27) Sth of 11 to Leigh Boy over course and distance (good) with MOMENT OF TRUTH (6th worse off) 8th and DesSDALE LAD (4th worse off) 8th and DesSDALE LAD (4th worse off) 8th and DesSDALE LAD (4th LORDSHIP 16%) 5th of 15 to Cipper's Dream at Catterick (2m, good) to soft with HELDER PRINCE (2th Selection: ROSTNERNE

4.45 GREAT LIME NOVICES CHASE (£2,455: 2m) (9 runners)

1 2/53321 DUNLORING 21 (D.G.S) (J Terment) G Moore 7-11-8 2 D8P154 ALISTAIRS GIRL 8 (D.G.S) (Mass E Reed) W Reed 7-11-9 3 001/01-4 AMDORRA 26 (C) (J Fiz/Gerald) Linny Fittgeand 9-11-2 4 DP-27FU BORDER OMX 2 (Pearson) J Christion 8-11-2 5 83-3453 CREEAGER 11 (G.S) (J Berry) J Wharton 8-11-2 G McCoart 92 E Tarner

B Storey

L Wyar 301-IPB MASTER SALESMAN 11 (BF.F) (J Walton) F Walton 7-11-2 5220-35 NORTON WARRIOR 63 (G.S) (Maj J Linky) M H Easterby 7-11-2 6-20033 SALON'S DELIGHT 36 (T McDonagh Ltd) W A Stephenson 0-11-2 649221/ SHERMAN GUTREY 656 (F.G.S) (W Pracock) G Richards 9-11-2

5.15 SYCAMORE HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,158: 2m 4f) (13 runners)

Intest 101 4th of 5 to Hospitals at Cardiele (2m, soft). SALOR'S DELIGHT 3X1 3rd of 19 to ANDORRA, a winner over hundles, 451 4th of 0 to at Sedgeteld (2m 41, good to soft). Western Legend at Huntington (2m 41, good). Selection: DUNLORING

1900: COOL RECEPTION 8-11-2 C Grant (10-11 fav) W A Stephenson 4 ran FORM FOCUS DUBLICATING beat in 1 CREEAGER 241 3rd to Effast at Warwick (2m, good Edinburgh (2m, good) with BORDER CAK fell 6th; Barrier 31 2rd to Boutzdarriff upone course (2m). ALISTARES GIFIL beat in The Breaze 151 at Cattarick (2m, good) with DUBLICATING (1th better off) 51 3rd; Intest 101 4th of 5 to Hotplets at Carliele (2m, godf).

SALON'S DELIGHT 3X1 3rd of 18 to Royal Inveder

Long handicap: Queens Man 6-12, Tharaleos 0-7.
BETTING: 7-2 Wait You There, 9-2 Doronicum, 5-1 Haddon Lad, 6-1 Macho Man & Queens Man, 8-1 sual Pess, 10-1 Austhorpe Sunsert, 12-1 others. 1989: KIRSTY'S BOY 8-10-0 R Fahey (10-1) J S Wilson 14 rar

FORM FOCUS TAYLORMADE BOY
Gayle at Edinburgh (3m, good) with THARALEOS
(75 better off) 7m.
CASUAL PASS 30 3ml to Jany Jack at Kelso (2m, good) to soft). DARK EMPEROR 31 2ml to Mill De Lenne at Sedgefield (2m 4f) perusitants start.

ARMAGRET 1631 5th of 24 to Musical Mystery at hore (2m, good to soft) test time with MACHO MAN
(50 better off) 8th. MACHO MAN 731 4th to One For

3.15 TONY PRESTON MEMORIAL NOVICES CHASE (£3,600: 3m) (13 runners)

1989: ONLT TROUBLE 8-11-7 R Dunwoody (4-6 fav) T Houlen

Mr P Doyle BETTING: 2-5 Combermere, 6-1 Temperable, 10-1 What A Wally, 14-1 Montgomery, 16-1 High Toby, 20-1 others. 3.45 HARE AND HOUNDS NOVICES HURDLE (Div II: £1,800: 3m) (14 runners)

__ P Holley (3)

... J Frost E Tierney (7)
Peter Hobbs Tricest: £3,490.42. No bid.
2.45 (3m ch) 1. NERAK SENGA (Mr N Bloom, 3-1); 2, Farramony (T Morgan, 0-2); 3, Kemriss (R Guest, 4-5 fav). ALSO RAN: 10 Basnukish (réd.), 14 Gelfoping Claude (pu). 8 ran. XI, dist. Mrs J Bloom at Wymondham. Tots: £2.60; £1.30, £2.20.
DF: £9.70. CSF: £15.60.

£16.41.
3.45 (2m 80yd hdis) 1, 81G DIABOND (R
Campbell, 5-2); 2, Operatic Scora (M
Ahem, 100-30); 3, Winning Dancer (8
Hodgson, 11-2). ALSO FAN: 9-4 fav
Hellenic Prince (eth), 0 Corbaily Bess
(8th), 10 Old Dutch Hobborn (5th), 0 ran.
Nk, 6i, 14i, 15i, 10i, 1 Campbell at
Newmarket, Tota: £3.00; £1.60, £2.10. DF;
£4.80, CSF; £11.47. Newmarket, Total State, 2-104, and State S

£145.14.

4.45 (2m 80yd hdie) 1, SANTO BOY (S D Willams, 2-1 fav); 2, Derzi (R Garritty, 4-1); 3, Sibtan Abbey (T Cloka, 100-30). ALSO RAN; 7-2 Pocketed (4m), 15-2 Happy Higgins (D, 10 Donosti, 14 Howala (5th), 20 Gold Hand, Chentry Boy (6th), 25 Wessex Afford (pd), 10 ran. Hd. 1 %, %, 1 %1, 3.1 Glover at Worksop. Tota: £2,50; £1,50, £2,00, £1,50. DF: £8,50. CSF; £12,48. Tricast: £27,50.

3.30 STEEL: PLATE AND SECTIONS NOVICES CHASE (Qualifier: £3,262: 2m 4f) (12)

CHASE (Qualifier: 23,262: 271 41) (12)

1 2011 ELFAST 11 (C.Q.S.) J Webber 7-11-11 P Seudences
2 P111 ESFY 63 (C.F.G.S.) C Brooks 7-11-11 P Seudences
3 R1F0 1LRE IT ALOT 35 (D.BF.F.G.) R Lao 7-11-7 B Dowler
4 0000 BSSPHAM BAY 26 J Smith 6-11-3 P Dever
0 6-4P BUTT AND BEN 58 (6) F Webays 6-11-3 R Chapman
0 6204 EROSTIN PLOATS 10 J Upon 8-11-3 R Septen
0 6204 EROSTIN PLOATS 10 J Upon 8-11-3 R Septen
0 4P PADDYS OYSTER 10 O Brennan 7-11-3 B Brennan
9 2350 PRINCE CELTIC 7 W CAY 6-11-3 R Bewan (7)
10 330P SUMMAT FOR MONDAT ES R Hodges 7-11-3 White (3)
11 0-U6 TINY STEAL 21 W Morts 5-11-3 A Multiplicated (5)
12 6334 SECERN 10 (7) B Francis 6-10-12 B de Halat
5-4 Few 3-1 Place 5-11 Like it A Lot, 6-1 Erostin Fasts.

5-4 Espy, 3-1 Stast, 5-1 I Like It A Lot, 6-1 Erostin Flats, 12-1 Butt And Ben, 14-1 others. 4.0 PORTERHOUSE RESTAURANTS NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (F2,665: 2m) (13)

1 22/ MORTHERN BARRY 673 (B) J McConnochie 8-11-10 1 22/ NORTHERN BARRY 673 (B) J McConnochie 6-11-10
2 -F4F SEVENS OUT 22 (S) A J Wilson 6-11-9 J Shorth
3 F06 ADROMITOS 3 B Curley 7-11-9 D Murphy
4 -F96 RESWOOD JACK & M Wilsonson 7-11-8 M Lynch
5 0335 JOYFULNESS 29 (D.F) P Bevan 5-11-5 R Balleny (5)
0 Shi 5 FLYNG 38 (D.F.P) R Marring 4-11-4 A BicLulina (7)
7 -041 NORDOLL 12 D Burchel 5-11-4 J D J Barchel
0 402 FALCON FLIGHT 65F (BF) J MacSia 4-11-4 S J O'Nell
9 3-P6 DWALE 7 R Eddey 5-11-3 D Flyness (7)
10 0-0P SECTIVE BOY 77 (F) Miss L Bower 6-11-2 S Hodges (7)
11 8320 FRED SPLENDIO 21 R Hodges 7-10-13 W Evice (3)
12 6938 UF-A-POINT 10 F Lee 5-10-12 D Bysee
13 -P5U FRESH DIEMMA 36 T Korsey 7-10-5 Samen Kinssey (7)
9-4 NORDOL, 7-2 Joyfuness, 4-1 Flying, 6-1 Falcon Flight,
4-20 DOCK AND BARTHINGE T INTERLIPTY MARRICARD

12 03F3 PRINCIPAL 24 (B.BF) Jimmy Fitzgeraid 0-11-2 B Byrna 13 0/F SHIMONI 65 F Holls 0-11-2 Byrna 14 SPFB KEEP STRAIGHT 16 (b) K Ryen 4-11-0 Rachal Judga (7) 15 P80P RHYTHII DANCER 10 J O'Shee 7-10-11 10 U44- SUPER IDEA 311 (V) K Wingrova 5-10-11 17 036 PRIX DU NORD 10 (8) K Wingrove 4-10-8 ... J Lodder 18 450F SOLDIER BRAVE 16 R Manning 4-10-6 ... A McLellan 4.30 DOG AND PARTRIDGE TUTBURY HANDICAP

CHASE (£3,314: 3m 2f) (14) HASE (23,314: 3m 2r) (14)

1 2121 BISHOPDALE 99 (C,D,F,G,S) WA Stephenson 9-11-10
Mr K, Johnson (5)

2 -USS BIRLING JACK 29 (S) J Edwards 9-11-5 ... T Horgan

3 522 ROLL-A-JOINT 16 (C,D,F,G) C Popham 12-11-4

4 1PPF MWEENISH 4 (C,G,S) J Webber 6-11-1 M Lyack

5 11-0 WARLEGGAN 16 (CD,F,G) G Ham 9-11-1 ... 8 de Mann

6 P-2P VILIGAN WARRHOR 78 (F,G) S Christian 0-10-12

4 In G Uptoo

7 -P4F SOLARES 11 (CD,G,S) J Berry 10-10-12 ... JA Hamba

2 12U3 HIGH RIVER 21 (D,Q.S) B Morgan 8-11-7..... B Dowling 3 2064 KARMATAK 74 (D,F) K Bridgewiter 6-11-3 D Bridgewiter (7) 4 P5-5 FLAG OF TRUCE 44 (B,D,B) 8 Christian 10-10-12 5 11-3 MANDER 21 (D,C.S) 1 Mandelland (5) 7 -P4F SOLARES 11 (CD.G.S) J Berry 10-10-12 J A Hamil 0 0/4- COURSE HINTER 482 (G.S) D Murray Smith 12-10-10 IN Bonto 5 11-3 MANDRAT 11 (D.G.S.) J Upson 7-10-1 .
8 6622 MR GUICK 5 (D.EF.F.G.S.) J Whenton 11-10-6 S.4 O'Neitl 7 F-PP PAN ARCTIC 12 (D.F.G.S.) T Bit 11-10-4... J Railton (3) 8 P234 BASIL THYME S2 (CD.F.S.) T Bailey 10-10-2... J Lodder 5-2 Mandray, 7-2 Vultory's Clown, 4-1 High River, 3.0 MARSTON'S BREWERY HANDICAP HURDLE 13 4PPP CRACK A JOKE 54 (CD,F,G,S) T 89 11-10-0

14 5440 COVENT GARDEN 26 (CD,G,S) W Clay 12-10-8 R Sevent (7) 7-2 Zeta's Lad, 9-2 No One To Steme, 5-1 Sneakapenny, Roff-A-Joint, 9-1 Rymer King, Vulgan Warrior, 10-1 others. 5.0 LADBROKE NOVICES HURDLE (£2,582: 2m 4f)

B 8000 SNEVES 26 J Mackie 5-11-2 B J O'Nelli 10 SURSHEWE BLUES F Wahryn 7-11-2 Br G Ordey 11 005 THE PLUME EY FLYER 0 J McConnochie 5-11-2 12 3254 THES NETTLE DANGER 32 J Glover 6-11-2. J J Colons 13 -050 FARMCOTE AIR 25 Mrs H Parrott 0-10-11 A 65 LTTLE TURNOST 050 N Smith 0 4011 14 55 LITTLE TURBOAT 96 N Smith 0-10-11 R Ballamy (5)
15 0-96 and VA'S GIRL 56 K Ower 6-10-11 P Herley (7)
18 -00F SUNCIA 14 M Wilkinson 0-10-11 M Lynch
5-2 Concert Paper, T-2 Smooth Escort, 4-1 Ru Valentino,
6-1 This Name Danger, 6-1 The Plumley Flyer, 10-1 others.

TRAINERS: S Christian, 3 winners from 8 remners, 50.0%; Jimmy Fitzgerald, 6 from 17, 47.1%; C Brooks, 4 from 9, 44.4%; M Pipe, 14 from 50, 28.0%; J Webber, 17 from 63, 27.0%; J Glover, 3 from 12, 25.0%. Jenny Bloom landed a 59-1 double at Fakenham yesterday with Nerak Senga and Prince Carlinn, the only horses she trains under JOCKEYS: A Mulholland, 5 winners from 16 rides, 31,3%; 8 de Haen, 10 from 37, 27,0%; P Scudamors, 11 from 58, 19,0%; D J Burchell, 4 from 26, 15,4%; O Tegg, 5 from 35, 14,3%; J Railton, 3 from 26, 11,5%. permit at Wymondham in Norfolk.

LINGFIELD PARK

Course specialists

UTTOXETER

Selections By Mandarin

2.0 D'Or's Gem. 2.30 Mr Quick. 3.0 Strike A Point. 3.30 ESPY (nap). 4.0 Fred Splendid. 4.30 No One To Blame. 5.0 Smooth Escort.

By Michael Seely

3.30 Espy. 4.30 Birling Jack.

2.0 PACE PLANT CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS SELL ING HURDLE (\$2,164: 2m) (18 runners)

1 33-0 INTREPID LAD 12 (D.B.G.) M McCourt 8-12-0 J Ruiton 2 -00F TOUR OE FORCE 48 (D.B.G.S.) P Makin 10-12-0 P Harley (7)

5-4 Principal, 3-1 Jurisprudence, 5-1 Ramrod. 2.30 RIVERSIDE INN BRANSTON HANDICAP

1 2111 VULRORY'S CLOWN 7 (D,F,G,S) D Brennen 12-12-0

3,32.17 SIN (10) 1 3110 SOME MACHINE 21 (B,BF,F,G) Jimmy Fitzgeral 11-11

1 3110 SOME MACHINE 21 (B,BF,F,G) Jimmy Fitzgerald
2 8-05 WESTWAT 12 (G,S) G Ham 7 11-10 11-11-10 11-11-10
3 U251 STRIKE A POINT 21 (S) P COWING 5-11-10 0 Cowley
4 GIPP FLEET COMMANDER 35 (D,F,S) M Meade 7-11-6
Mr D McCain (7)
5 3005 WHISTLING TIGER 15 (C,G,S) D Burchell 5-11-6
G 30-0 RED HACKLE 24 (S) M Pipe 5-10-12 P Sexternel
7 1142 RODCHENKO 10 (V) T Caldwell 5-10-11 Pat Caldwell
0 0000 ESCIMO MRTE 0 (G) J Jenkins 6-10-8 D Tegg
10 1045 LAPJAFFE 8 (D,BF,F,G) R Hodges 0-10-6. W Invine (3)
11 -450 ALCATRAZ 1 (B,D,F) Ringer 6-10-4 S MacNett
12 -POP SPRING PALIPER 40 (B,G,S) D McCain 6-10-3 SMCNett
13 2153 JUPITER'S GLORY 56 (G) W A Stephenson 6-10-3 MR K Johnson (5)
14 U200 CELTIC DOVE 21 (BF) K Bishop 7-10-1 P Hering (7)
19 5-04 WOODLANDS GENPOWER 39 (G) P Print and 8-10-0
17 1585 ACEFACE 24 (B,F,S) W Clay 5-10-0 R REAVAN (7)
4-1 Red Hackle, 5-1 Westway, 0-1 Strike A Point,

CHASE (\$2,950: 2m) (8)

(£3,321: 3m) (18)

Going good

Selections

By Mandarin 2.10 Gp Nobley. 2.40 Carjujen. 3.10 Disneyland. 3.40 Sprowstop Boy. 4.10 Dec Jay Pec. 4.40 Storm Warrior, 5.10 Blackguard, 5.40 Greenhills

2.10 EMERALD NOVICES HURDLE (£1,450: 2m 4f)

1 0613 A FRIEND OF MINE 33 (C) M Tompkins 11-4
2 5111 GO NOBLEY 0 (CD) Thomson Jones 11-4. If Devices
3 114 HELLENIC PRINCE 14 (C) J Pearce 11-4 J McLaphin
4 3 BUNGEY 17 I Campbet 11-0 R Campbet
5-5 Go Nobley, 2-1 Hellenic Prince, 5-1 Binkley, 7-1 A

2.40 EDEN SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,730; 2m) (16)

9 8-06 DECK KINGHT 87 (5) P Allingham 9-12-0 D Skymte (3) 2 3100 EXCELLENCY 11 (6.0.G) P Davis 7-11-13 A S Smith (7) 3 05- PANDANGO LIGHT 593 (0.5) A MOORE 9-11-8 (6 Moore 4 1023 UP THE LADDER 24 (6.0.8F,G,S) D Wrde 6-11-4

5 1448 CONE LANE 17 (B,CD,F) B Gubby 4-11-1

J Akehurst
10 0053 CAMDORE BOY & (D,F) J Bradley 10-10-0 D Gallagher 3-1 Up The Ladder, 9-2 Carlujen, 7-1 Jim Bridger, 6-1 Cougar, 10-1 Hjani, 12-1 Another Season, 14-1 others.

3.10 IAN MCCALL HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,952:

5 225F TINTO HILL 99 Miss ! Bower 7-10-0... D O'Sullivan (?) 5-4 Disneyland, 5-2 Murphy, 4-1 Mrs Peopleatar, 6-1 Soli-tary Resper, 12-1 Tinto Hil.

Course specialists TRAINERS: C Benstead, 5 winners from 7 runners, 71.4%; T Thomson Jones, 3 from 5, 60.0%; M Tompkins, 3 from 7, 42.9%; Miss B Sanders, 8 from 28, 32.1%; Mrs J Pkman, 11 from 46, 23.9%; J Fitch-Heyes, 9 from 45, 20.0%. JOCKEYS: J Tuita, 5 winners from 11 rides, 45.5%; Date McKeown, 29 from 85, 34,1%; R Guest, 4 from 16, 21.1%; I Shoemark, 0 from 33, 18.2%; S Smith Eccles, 7 from 41, 17.1%; I Daviss, 14 from 83, 15.5%. 3.40 BUILDER GROUP GOLD CUP HANDICAP HURDLE (£7,700: 2m 4f) (10) 1 5-22 SPROWSTON BOY 21 (G,S) W Perrin 7-12-2 S Currato (7)

5 131P ALACCI SE (D.F.G.S) Mrs S Oliver 6-10-0 V Stationy (7) 6 1421 LESBET 17 (C.F) C Wildman 5-10-0 P Barmard (5) 7 P112 BAHRAM BRIDGE 31 (CD) A Denson 5-10-0 6 0111 MILTON BRYAN 0 (0,F) J Ffitch-Heyes 5-10-0
9 5503 HOLTERMANN 21 M Haynes 8-10-0 R Amott
10 2113 OLYMPUS REEF 15 (0,8F) P Davis 5-10-0 Turnen Davis

3-1 Regal Lake, 9-2 Sing The Blues, 13-2 Nahar, 6-1 Bah-rain Bridge, 10-1 Sprowston Boy, 12-1 Lesbet, 14-1 others. 4.10 NEWLEAF NOVICES HURDLE (Div 1: £1,464:

1 24 DEE JAT PEE 16 B Presce 10-10 T Wall
2 0023 LEIA MECENE 12 J Elfort 10-10 R Guest
3 45 ROCQUARE 5 (BF) Mrs J Priman 10-10 D Gaffagher
4 PO DARNIG CLASS 24 P Bodford 10-5 D Norths
5 0 DIANA DEE 14 P Bailey 10-5 1 Shoemark (5)

11-10 Rocqueine, 2-1 Dee Jay Pey, 6-1 Leia Mecene, 8-1 Desing Class, 16-1 Diena Dee. 4.40 BIC ORANGE RAZOR NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,674; 2m) (6)

1 2122 STORM WARRIOR 0 (B,CD,BF,G) B Presce 5-11-10
P Barrier 2 PB10 DISTANT RELATION 7 (B,CD,G) K Cumingham-Brow
3 0F-4 RYMOLBREESE 15 Mrs S Caver 5-10-0, Jacqui May
4 0-00 TREASURE LORD 59 (B) E Wheeler 7-10-0 D Gallegh
5 5-P2 BRUNONI 12 P Baley 6-10-0 S COMMON CONTROL LOTHER

11-8 Storm Warrior, 7-2 Distant Relation, 5-1 Brunoni, 6-1 Roof Ghost, 6-1 Rymbolbreese, 12-1 Treasure Lord.

5.10 NEWLEAF NOVICES HURDLE (Div II: £1,450:

04 BLACKGUARO 21 (B) Mrs J Pitman 10-10 D Gathgher 0 CELTIC BHOY 11F P Michell 10-10 S Keightfey P PROVIDENCE BEAU 8 A Ridget 10-10 R Arnott SEATTLE PRIDE 9F M Tompkins 10-10 8 Smith Eccles

Evens Blackguard, 5-2 Cellic Bhoy, 3-1 Seattle Pride, 10-1 Providence Seau. 5.40 EBF STAKES NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,646: 1m 51) (12)

31 BARNSDALE 17 (CD) D Grissell 5-12-0 Mrs D Grissell
O ALY CARRIENA 7 J Jonkins 5-11-7 M Ahem (3)
0-5 ANGLIA VALE 73 Grzeme Roe 5-11-7 P McDermott (7)
21 GREENHILLS WARRIOR 8 (CD) M Ryan 4-11-7

Results from two meetings

Tricast: \$168.52

A.30 (2m 4) ch) 1, SPLITTHEDIFFERENCE (R Dunwoody, 3-1): 2, Elite
Bay (J Raiton, 2-1 fay); 3, Mists of Time (S
J C'Nelli, 7-1), ALSC RAN: 9-2 Southern
Resper (pc), 18 Mariner's Star (4th), 25
Mester Anorrey, 33 Just Perkins (I), TaraBay (5th) 50 Just Mick, Mill Folly (pu),
Stormy Monarch (6th), 65 Wyvern, 12 ran.
\$1, 15, 10, 11, 15, 30, D Nicholson at Stowon-the-Wold, Tota: £3.30, £1.50, £1.50,
£2.20, DF: £4.80, CSF: £8.26.

5.30 (2m holls) 1, My Young Man (P Scudamore, 6-11 fav; Michael Seely's nap); 2, Chain Shot (50-1); 3, Sunset Rains Free (6-1); 10 ran. NR: Ruby Davies, 12, 2%1, C Brooks, Tote: £1-90; £1.40, £7.20, £2.00. DP: £32.90, CSF: £53.76.

• Ten Of Spades, who fell

heavily at the second last in Thursday's Gold Cup, was

described yesterday as "per-fectly all right" by a spokes-woman for Lambourn trainer

Deltic broke the course record

with an all-the-way victory nn his hurdling debut in the first

division of the Marston Nov-

ices' Hurdle at Wolverhampton

Fakenham

Going: good
2.10 (2m 80yd hdie) 1, DEEP WATER
BAY (A Carrol, 4-1); 2, Eleanor Cross (D
Gallagher, 33-1; 3, Sphlaz (D Byrne, 331), ALSO RAN: 5-2 tav Occarrist, 11-2
Tigers Pet (5th), 7 Donatist (5th), 6
Peerglow, 10 Belpanel, 11 Clopton (4th),
14 Prince Rob (pu), The Germochy (pu), 11
ran, NR: Another Barney, 11/4, 101, 8
McMath at Timworth, Tota: 25-10; 22-10,
212-80, 24-30, DP-2114-40, CSP: 2103-19.
Tricest: 23,490-42, No bid.
2,45 (2m ch) 1, NERAK SENIGA (Mr N

Wolverhampton

Going: good to firm.

2:30 (2m hote) 1, DELTIC (P Scudamore, 3-1; 2. Viceroy Jester (N Mann, 16-1; 3. Nose So Wise (I Leoch, 11-8 fav), ALSO RAN: 7-2 Ghedbbaan (4th), 20 Just Patmony, Ardonen (pu), 33 Taplych ('Airy (pu), 50 After The Gloom (5th), Charcost Burner (pu), Cony's Caper, Cream And Gréen, Grey Admiral, High Deal, No Pay Rise, Stop Two (8th), My

Milieu set Prayer (pu), Go Rabell Go (ur). 17 ren. 7l, 10l, 12l, 6l, 7l, M Pipe at Wellington. Tota: 24.70; 52.10, 53.20, 51.30. DF: 524.10. CSF: 543.01. to advertise Lincoln claim CSF: £43.01.
3.0 (2m hdie) 1, ABLE VALE (N Mann, 6-2); 2, Broderie Anglaine (S McNeil, 10-1); Estonie (6-13 fzv), ALSO RAN: 10 Eventide, 20 Woodlands Lady (pu), 33 Giffic Belle, Little Rad Flower (5th), Mean To Me, Dusens Courier, 50 Bride For A Day (6th), Katica (4th), 11 ran, 6t, 5t, 3t, 4t, 10t, R Holder at Brastol, Toke £4.80; £12.0, 25, 24.0; £12.0, DF: £23.30, CSF: £4.44. Winner was bought in for 3,500 guiness.

The 1990 Irish Flat season The 1990 Irish Flat season begins today, St Patrick's Day, at Leopardstown, Limerick and Down Royal (Our Irish Racing Correspondent writes).

Prevailing fast ground will complicate the task of Milieu, Dermot Weld'o Lincoln candidate, when he carries top-weight in the EBF Delmaine Stakes. The five-year-old is happier with some cut in the ground but he has always shown a liking Winner was bought in for 3,500 guineas.

3.30 (2m hole) 1, FIT FOR COUNSEL (J. Lower, 6-4 fav); 2, Curious Feeling (M. Bosley, 10-3); 3, Liter Time (Gary Lyons, 12-1), ALSO RAN: 5 There You Are (4th), 10 Alexandra Kattine, 11 Crystal Park (Sth), 14 Spanish Love (6th), 66 Flying Roofer (pu), Russinga Island (pu), Superlassia (pu), 10 ran. 5, 9, 254, 104, 41. M Pips at Wellington, Tota: 23.10; 21.40, 21.70, 21.80, DF: 25.90, CSF: 26.64. Winner bought in for 9,250 guineas.

4.0 (2m 11 ch) 1, SALEHGEST (J. Frost. but he has always shown a liking for Leopardstown, where he is Winner bought in for 9,250 guiross.
4.0 (2m 11 cir) 1, SALERRIST (J. Frost, 12-1): 2, Crowscopper (P. Scudamore, 8-1): 3, Ar Broker (L. Harrey, 7-4 tay), ALSO RAN: 10-3 Comedy Larne (4th), 8 Ramsdell (ur), 20 Good Waters, Eamons Owen (6th), 25 Way Under (I), 33 King Kas, Stardust Roc (5th), 10 ran, sh hd, 8J, 15L, St, 22, 6 Bathard at Weyhall, Totat: £12,50; £230, 52.00, £14.0, OF: £73,73, Tricast £168,52.

Pirouette, trained by Tommy Stack, heads the opposition. First time out last season she won the Athasi Stakes at the Curragh but later disappointed in the Irish 1,000 Guineas. Jim Dreaper has withdrawn Carvill's Hill from the Kilternan Handicap Chase.

Nelson on target Poke The Fire (Serge Guillemin) gave Charlie Nelson his fourth victory at Cagnes-sur-Mer this season in the Prix de la Vesubie yesterday. William Hastings-Bass's Montpelier Lad (Yannick Georges) can round off the Cagnes season, which ends tomorrow, by winning the Prix

TULE. 0898-168-168 LINGFIELD PARK BAGS DOGS SOCCERLINE WILLIAM HILL, LEEDS LS1 8LB Calls Charged at 25p per Run. Cheep rate.

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Law Report March 17 1990

Right to change use without planning consent

South Ribble Borough Council
y Secretary of State for the
Environment and Others

to land at Peel View, Drumacre
Lane, Longton, The appellants
were the local planning su-Before Mr Justice Judge Dudgment March 13] The right to make a material age of use without planning

ion under section 23(9) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1971 was not restricted to the use obtaining before the act of development eged in an enforcement notice to constitute breach of planning

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Mr Justice Judge so held m a Queen's Bench Division in dismissing an appeal brought by South Ribble Borough Council to quash the decision of an mapector appointed by the Secretary of State for the Environment to vary an enforcement notice dated February 15, 1988 and served on Mr William Swires, owner of the site, and

Section 23 of the 1971 Act
provides: (9) Where an
enforcement notice has been issued in respect of any development of land, planning permission is not required for the use of that land for the purposes for which . . . it could lawfully have been used if that day. have been used if that dev elopment had not been carried

Mr Andrew Gilbart for the borough council; Mr Nigel Plening for the secretary of state; Mr Stephen Sanvain for Mr Swires.

MR JUSTICE JUDGE said be enforcement notice related

Ventouris v Mountain

Before Mr Justice Saville

[Judgment February 23]

of the Supreme Court.

Represented parties in a repre-

sentative action were not "party to the proceedings" within Order 15, rule 12(3) of the Rules

Legal professional privilege could be claimed for documents

which had been obtained by

solicitors to a party to actual or

contemplated litigation but which had not come into exis-

tence for the purpose of that

the Queen's Bench Division, in

a judgment in open court after a hearing in chambers, when refusing the application of the

onstantinos Ventouris, under

Order 24, rule 3, that the defendant, Trevor Rex Moun-

tain, sued on his own behalf and on behalf of all other insurers

scribed to a marine war risks

better list of certain documents.

plaintiff; Mr Andrew Popplewell of the defendant.

MR JUSTICE SAVILLE said

that two points of general

importance arose:
The first arose from the fact

that the defendant was sued in

representative proceedings as representing himself and all

other underwriters who sub-

scribed to the policy upon which

d/or underwriters who sub-

licy, provide a further and

Mr Stephen Hofmeyr for the

Apostolos

plaintiff.

of 1989)

Before Mr Justice Knox

An independent valuer was entitled to take account of an

offer to purchase shares in a private company which was

made the day after the date npon which the value of the shares was to be assessed by

Mr Justice Knox so held in the Chancery Division in

proceedings between members of the company who were

parties to an agreement to purchase the shares.

Mr John Brisby and Mr Robert Miles for the purchaser,

Mr Jonathan Crow for the

MR JUSTICE KNOX said

[Judgment March 6]

Mr Justice Saville so held in

thority and the breach of planning control alleged was a material change in the use of the land without the grant of plan-

The use from which the land had been changed was mixed forestry/agricultural, haulage and general dealing use. The use to which the land was being put was mixed residential, haulage, industrial sales and storage use.

The steps required to remedy the breach were to cease the use of the land for haulage, industrial sales and storage uses and remove from the land all items and equipment used in connection with those uses. The enforcement notice related to the whole planning unit

In the course of his decision letter, the inspector determined appeals by varying the enforcement notice. The effect was that the site should be divided into an eastern and a western half. On the eastern half industrial sales and storage uses should cease altogether and all items and equipment connected with such uses should be

On the western side such uses should also cease and items and equipment used in connection with such uses should be re-moved, save for the use of a haulage business with a minor use for trading in vehicles to the extent established by a previous decision of the secretary of state

Represented parties are not

within discovery rule

the representative underwriter

or the represented underwriters

to make discovery of documents which were or had been in the

possession, custody or power of the latter but not the former.

power to order a party to the proceedings to make discovery

of documents, but as far as representative proceedings were

concerned, it was clear to his Lordship from Order 15, rule

12(3) that represented persons

were not party to the proceed-ings within that rule. It followed

that his Lordship could not make any order under Order 24,

rule 3 against the represented underwriters since they were not

Nor could any order be made against the defendant concern-

in his possession, custody or power since such documents

also fell outside the ambit of the

whether legal professional privi-lege could be claimed for docu-

ments which were not

previously in the possession, custody or power of a party to

actual or contemplated litiga-

tion and which had not come

into existence for the purposes of that litigation, but which had been obtained by the solicitors

of that party for that purpose.

If a party to actual or contem-

plated litigation had to disclose

such documents, then such disclosure would be calculated

to diminish or destroy the

confidential reletionship be-

Independent valuer can take

account of late offer to buy

In re a Company (No 002708 the letter making that offer was . that was so only if one assumed admissible and contended, inter that value resided solely in alia, that the date on which the valuation should be made was . That was not a necessary

the date it was made, and not the date on which the sale

agreement was made, by accep-

tance of the previous offer, on February 21, 1990; but in any

event, under the general law, a valuer was entitled to have

regard to valuation evidence such as comparables, as confir-matory evidence of the state of

affairs subsisting at the date on which the valuation fell to be

In his Lordship's judgment,

the date at which the valuation fell to be made was the date of

the letter of acceptance, February 21, 1990. The transaction

was one which fell within the principles in Sudbrook Trading Ltd v Eggleton ([1983] 1 AC 444,

His Lordship had been re-

court had power to order either gravely hamper proper and son; Ince & Co.

The question was whether the tween solicitor and client and . Solicitors: Hill Taylor Dickin-

party to the proceedings.

It was clear that the court had

From the decision it followed that the western half of the site could be used for a haulage business with a minor use for trading in vehicles. That conclusion was at the heart of the present anneal

In the course if his decision letter, the inspector referred to the principle in Mansi v Elstree Rural District Council ((1964) 62 LGR 172). That principle was well established and had of use was an act of dev-clopment itself requiring plan-

been repeatedly recognized. The basic argument for the appellants was that the decision in Mansi was wrong or had been misunderstood. Its application since 1964 represented an in-appropriate departure from the by the 1971 Act.
Decisions of the Court of

Appeal and the House of Lords emonstrated the error and the Mansi principle should be regarded as overruled at any rate in so far as it was applied to 'established use" immunities. Its application was limited to uses which existed before the appointed day", July 1, 1948.
The decisions in LTSS Print and Supply Services v Hackney Borough Council ([1976] 1 QB 663), Young v Secretary of State for the Environment ([1983] 2 AC 662), Thrasyvoulou v Sec retary of State for the Environ-ment (11990] 2 WLR 1) and Cynon Valley Borough Council v Secretary of State for Wales ((1986) 53 P & C R 68) were

effective preparations for trial by the solicitors. Indeed, it

might otherwise be dangerous, if not impossible to employ a

The privilege was an excep-

tion to the general rule that a party to litigation should dis-close all documents that were or

had been in his possession,

fell within the general rule was because they had been obtained

by solicitors for the purposes of the litigation, and if the disclo-

sure of such documents would

be likely to undermine the

public interest in preserving the

confidence between solicitor and client, his Lordship could

between documents that had

and those that had not been brought into existence for the

His Lordship said that it might be suggested that if the privilege extended to original documents (as opposed to copies) obtained by solicitors for

the purposes of litigation, a ready means presented itself for

obtaining and then suppressing

material adverse evidence. That

Solicitors who obtained docu-

ments for the purpose of suppressing them would not be

acting in the course of giving necessary legal advice and assis-

tance, but in breach of their duties as officers of the court.

Thus no privilege would attach

What was being sought was the value of a parcel of shares. Value was what a purchaser

Evidence of an offer made one

day after the valuation date seemed, potentially, to be evi-dence of the existence of a

bidder on the valuation date, who was just plucking up his courage to bid what he did in fact bid the next day.

His Lordship used the word "potentially" because an offer

was only an offer, all the more so because it was subject to con-tract. His Lordship was not concerned with those consid-

erations for which a valuer could and should make such

discounts as were appopriate.

was not so.

assumption.

see no reason for disting

purpose of the litigation.

If the reason why documents

solicitor at all.

custody or power.

Act, as substituted by the Local Government and Planning (Amendment) Act 1981. The facts in Mansi were that nd was used as a plant nursery. fundamental to the appellants' submission that the Mansi prin-There were a number of glass houses, one of which was used ciple had been substantially

the relevant act of development

was itself unlawful. Such change

ning permission.
The decision in Mansi was

not referred to in any of the

judgments or speeches. There was a note in Young that Mansi

was cited in argument. It

seemed reasonable to infer that

when Mansi was cited it was at

best a fleeting reference. Beyond

that rather vague reference

Mansi did not appear to have

been cited in any of those cases.

based on the terms of section 46

of the Town and Country Planning Act 1962. That re-

quired the minister, inter alia, in

an appropriate case to vary the

terms of an enforcement notice

in favour of the appellant. The

in section 45 and 46 of the 1962 Act were to be found in sections

87, 88, 88A and 88B of the 1971

right to make a material change of use without planning per-mission under section 23(9) of The enforcement notice alleged that the glass house had changed from use for agri-cultural purposes to use for the the 1971 Act was restricted to the use obtaining before the act sale of goods and required its of development alleged in the enforcement notice to constitute breach of planning control.

An earlier lawful use might not be resumed if the use before

discontinuation.

The court found that the appellant occupier was entitled to continue the user as it was in 1959 and might also have a right to intensify that user provided he did not thereby occasion a

Water Authority

nice Butler-Sloss

[Judgment March 12]

tion court did not appear.

The water autority operated many sewage treatment works. In March 1985 it had served on

the local valuation officer on the

reflected in the authority's over-

were no such works. They had

half a mile away and in the same

rating area, the water authority

did have another and separate

Clearly there had been an error in the water anthority's

offices: among the 40 forms completed, no proposal form

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Broadholme.

ased to function in 1982. But

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material change in use. Despite the fact that the Mans: principle was not expressly considered in LTSS, Young, Thrasyvoulou and Cynon Valley and that sections 87, 88 and 94 were not immediately relevant, his Lordship would be bound by those decisions if their effect was to overrule the Mansi principle.

However, it would be unfortunate if a single judge were obliged to cast doubt on a principle first stated some 25 years ago, followed consistently since then and standing un-challenged until the present appeal. The effect would be to create uncertainty and confusion in an area of law now long regarded as clear and settled. His Lordship's conclusion was that the principle in Mansi had not been affected by those

decisions. There was no inconsistency or difficulty with the *Mansi* principle nor with reconciling it with the statutory provisions in section 23(9) of the 1971 Act.

Solicitors: Mr A. Kitchen, Leyland; Treasury Solicitor; Marland Quigley, Preston.

Purchasers obtain title free from charging order

Howell v Montey Before Lord Justice Fox and Lord Justice Stocker [Judgment March 7]

Although registration of the purchasers' title to a house which was registered land took effect subject to a charging order nisi upon the house, the purchasers, having bought the house when notice of the charging order had not been registered against the title, obtained a title free from the charging

The Court of Appeal, in a reserved judgment, dismissed an appeal by the plaintiff, Mr Ian Geoffrey Howell, from the discharge by Judge Main at Guildford County Court of a charging order absolute upon a freehold house at 42 Veryan, St John's, Woking, formerly the property of the defendants, Mr Gary Montey and Mrs Deborah Montey, but now belonging to the purchasers, Ms Nicola Shireen Murray and Mr Christopher Stemp.

Mr Jonathan Brock for Mr Howell; Mr J. Stephen Whitaker for the purchasers.

LORD JUSTICE FOX said that on July 9, 1986 the plaintiff recovered judgment against the defendants in Guildford County Court in the sum of £2,173. The defendants owned the freehold

On August 12, 1987 the defendants entered into a con-tract for the sale of the house to the purchasers. On August 17, 1987 the purchasers obtained from the Land Registry a certificate of search which gave prior-ity until September 29, 1987. The sale of the house was completed on September 4,

On September 16, the plaintiff made an application to the Land Registry to register notice of the charging order against the title to the house.

On September 29, the priority period conferred by the certifi-cate of search expired without the purchasers having applied to register their title to the house. The result was that the registra-tion, when it was effected, took effect subject to the charging order nisi, which was made absolute on December 16, 1987.

On the purchasers' application, the registrar discharged the charging order. The judge dismissed the plaintiff's appeal against the registrar's decision. The power to discharge was

given by section 3(5) of the Charging Orders Act 1979 which was expressed in wide terms: "The court by which a charging order was made may at any time . . . make an order discharging or varying the charging order."

In the case of registered land, if the prospective purchaser made a search before completion and the charging order was not then registered, he would obtain a title free from the charging order if he made his application for registration of the title before his priority period expired.

The priority obtained by the plaintiff in the present case was just luck because of the delay in registration of the title.

The consequence of the making of the charging order ab-solute was that a charging order was made upon property in which the judgment debtors had, at the date of that order, no beneficial interest.

The fact that the order absolute was imposed upon the property of a bona fide purchaser for value without any notice of the charge was be a material consideration in deciding whether it would be just to discharge the order absolute.

It seemed to his Lordship that plaintiff obtained a charging the order absolute should not order nisi upon the house for have been made. Looking at all the circumstances of the case, it seemed to him that the balance of the equities came down decisively on the side of the

It was true that the purchasers might, if the charge was binding upon them, have a cause of action against the defendants (on the covenants for title) or against their solicitors (for neg-ligence in not registering the title

Those considerations were not relevant. The puchasers were entitled to take such action as thought appropriate for the protection of their interests. They chose to apply to discharge the charging order. The plaintiff could not complain that they could have done something else. The judge reached the right

conclusion and, in the exercise of his discretion, properly discharged the order absolute. Lord Justice Stocker agreed. Solicitors: Mort Kirtley & Ogden, Woking; Barton Hanning & Francis, Woking.

Regina v Northamptonshire at the foot of the form in the Local Valuation Court and space set aside for use by the valuation officer only, the name Another, Ex parte Anglian and address of the Broadholme works had been entered. Before Lord Justice Neill, Lord Presumably those particulars had been completed by the Justice Nicholls and Lord Jusvaluation officer or a member of his staff In due course the water A fundamental error made by a

Ratepayer's error renders

application to remove

authority received notification ratepayer on a proposal form to that the valuation officer obhave a property expunged from iccted to the disputed proposal the local valuation list invali-dated his application. Correcand thus the matter had been referred to the valuation court. tion of the error by a valuation In March 1988 that court officer on receipt of the form did decided that the proposal form not make good that application. was invalid and that Broadholme could not there-The Court of Appeal so held in allowing an appeal by East under be expunged from the Northamptonshire District valuation list; the information. Council in proceedings for ju-dicial review from a judgment of it held, was not sufficient 10 enable Broadholme to be identi-Mr Justice Popplewell in March 1989 that had held that the fied as the subject of the proposal form

proposal by the ratepayer, the Mr Justice Popplewell Anglian Water Authority, apply-ing to amend the valuation list quashed that decision, declaring the disputed form to be good the deletion from it of and valid in relation to Broadholme Sewage Treatment Works was valid. Broadhoime

By section 69(1) of the General Rate Act 1967 any "aggrieved person" could make a Mr Jeremy Sullivan, QC and Mr Peter Village for the district council; Mr William Glover, proposal for the valuation list 10 be altered in respect of n OC and Mr Richard Glover for the water authority; the valuaparticular hereditament. By section 69(5) every such proposal had to be in writing, to specify the grounds on which the pro-JUSTICE NICHOLLS said that the appeal posed alteration was supported arose from a clerical error made and to comply with the Valua-tion Lists (Proposals for Alterpotentially a costly error - some three-quarters of a million pounds hung on the outcome of ation) Regulations (SI 1974 No

2213). Regulation 3 required a pro-posal to be in specified form or 'substantially to the like effect' By section 70 of the 1967 Act copies of the proposal had to be served by the valuation officer

prescribed forms proposals for 40 such works to be expunged As could be expected, the legislature was contemplating from the valuation list on the ground that the value of those hereditaments was deemed to be that the proposal form would contain a description of the hereditament sufficient to ennamed and gave the address of "Rushden Sewage Treatment Works". However, in 1992 the section 108 of the 1967 Act

R » Winchester Area Assessmen Committee ([1948] 2 KB 455). It was clear from that decision, and was common ground, that the only question that arose was whether the disputed form had sufficiently identified Broadholme as being the subject matter of the water authority's

proposal It was to be noted that the "Rushden" proposal form was not part of the Proposal form was not part of the proposal. Nor was there any received by the rating authority, statutory provision enabling

property from list invalid proposal: any amendmen made in the box were not part of the proposal.

With the exception of any changes on the form that ware authorized by the proposer, a completed form was either as effective proposal when it was served or it was not.

Mr Glover submitted that if a proposer made an error on the form as to the hereditament to which it related and the value tion officer who made the correction understood the herditament to which it should have made reference, the form was valid even if others conwhich hereditament was being referred to.

That submission was unacceptable. There was no support for such a qualified objective test to be found in Winchester. The true position was that the question of the adequacy of identification of the subject hereditatment had to be determined according to the ordinary principles of

How would the proposal form be understood by those on whom it was served? Common sense had to be applied and any special or local knowing pe-culiar to the valuation officer or his staff would not normally be

The valuation court had addressed itself correctly and had answered "No" to the question whether the disputed form gave sufficient identification of the

The valuation officer when first looking at the form would have appreciated that some thing was wrong - there were no sewage works at Rushton. But where did that lead to when

whether considering whether Broadholme had been suf-ficiently identified? When the water authority filled in the form it should have made its proposal not for

Rushton but for other sewage works with a different name and address, it had slipped up as we all do from time to time. It was clear that the name and the address on the form was not sufficent to identify Broadholme as the bereditament to which it related

Lord Justice Neill and Lord Justice Butler Sloss agreed. Solicitors: Sharpe Pritchard

Confessions obtained in absence of solicitor cause court concern

Regina v Moss Before Lord Justice Taylor, Mr Justice Mars-Jones and Mr Jus-

tice Waite [Judgment March 9] Confessions obtained during a

series of interviews at which no solicitor was present, from a man who was just above the who had been held in custody for nine days, should not have been allowed to go to the jury and were insufficient basis for a conviction.
The Court of Appeal (Crim-

inal Division) so held in allowing an appeal by Frank Moss against his conviction at Chester Crown Court (Mr Justice Alliot and a jury) on a count of indecent assault on a girl aged five or six and three counts of indecent assault on males under 16 years of age. The appellant was sentenced to five years imprisonment.

Mr Eric Somerset Jones, QC, who did not appear below, and Mr Guy Gozen, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellant, Mr Maurice Kay, QC, for the prosecution.

LORD JUSTICE TAYLOR said that the only evidence against the appellant was his confession. There was no corroboration.

The appellant was held in custody for nine days after his

his arrest and after two interviews. The request was refused and a block was put on his having legal representation for

On the second day at the fifth interview, when the appellant was still without legal representation, he made the first admission and was charged. He ad not been asked was content to be interviewed without a solicitor present. The appellant was then allowed access to a solicitor.

However, the same solicitor was also acting for the appellant's coaccused and had to withdraw within 24 hours due to a conflict of interest.

The crucial interview at which the appellant made the main admissions was the eighth and took place when the appellant had been in custody for six days and was still without a

The had judge ruled that the block on legal representation for the first 36 hours was a breach of section 58 of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984. He excluded the minth interview but ruled that the rest could go

before the jury.

The appeal was based upon section 76(2) of the 1984 Act, which put the burden of proof on the crown to exclude the possibility that a confession might be unreliable, and under section 78, which provided for the exclusion of unfair evidence.

appellant, had not been asked whether he wanted a solicitor. In evidence he had said that he went ahead with the interview because he felt he could not wait for a solicitor. That was the

from a mentally handicapped Derson. It was disturbing that within the interview evidence itself there was scope for wondering whether answers which at first appeared to be unequivocal were indeed so when coming from a man of limited intelligence.

The prosecution relied on section 77 which clearly contemplated a situation where

a case turned on a confession by a mentally handicapped person who had been without a legal adviser. However, section 77 simply

dealt with a confession which might well have been obtained in the course of one interview during a short period of custody. That was clearly distinguishable from the instant case.

Each member of the court felt troubled about the confession evidence having gone to the jury. Each member of the court believed the vertical was appared. believed the verdict was unsafe and unsatisfactory if left to stand. Where there was such unanimity of impression the proper course was to allow the

arrest and interviewed nine times. He had asked to see a solicitor within seven hours of to be noted that the crucial Solicitors: CPS, Chester. Guidance on new procedure relating to appeal applications

R. G. Carter Ltd v Clarke Before Lord Donaldson of Lymington, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Stocker and Lord Justice Woolf [Judgment March 8]

The Court of Appeal gave guidance on the new procedure introduced from October 1, 1989 by the substituted Order 59, rule 14(2) in The Supreme Court Practice 1988 Fifth Cu-mulative Supplement relating to

applications made to the Court of Appeal for leave to appeal. The Court of Appeal granted an application by the defendant, David Clarke, for an inter parter review of the order made exparte by Lord Justice Stuart-

Smith granting the plaintiffs, R. G. Carter Ltd, leave to appeal from the decision of Mr Justice McCullough who had affirmed the district registrar's decision granting the defendant unconditional leave to defend on the plaintiffs' application for summary judgment under Order 14 of the Rules of the Supreme

The Court of Appeal set aside the ex parte order made by Lord Justice Stuart-Smith and re-

appeal shall - (a) include, where necessary, any application to extend time for appealing and (b) be made ex parte in writing setting out the reasons why leave should be granted and, if the time for appealing has expired, the reasons why the application was not made

erences for each document, must be lodged in [the Civil Appeals Office] by [a specified date]. The documents must include "(1) Copies of (a) the ap-

"(2) If the judgment of the

If an extension of time for appealing was required, there was also to be a written explanation for the delay.

So far as the larger groups were concerned it was inherently unlikely that oral argumently unlikely that oral argumently unlikely that oral argumently that the larger than the larger groups were the larger groups which is the larger g refusing leave to appeal.

be built in to take care of the exceptional case where, for the point at issue.

It was therefore provided that

pressed a firm view, it was preferable, and it was so ar-ranged administratively, that the reconsideration would be by a different Lord Justice.

He would rightly be made aware of the initial decision and the reasons for it, but it would be for him to reach his own decision on the materials before him which would be different to the extent that there would have been brief oral argument.

With regard to the small group of applications where, having considered the written applications, the Lord Justice thought oral argument was necessary or of assistance or that further information was re-quired, it was open to him to adjourn the application into open court and ask for such argument or information either on an ex parte or an inter partes

Since, by definition, no furn decision would have been reached, the further hearing would normally be before the Lord Justice who initially considered the written application. His decision would be final and not subject to appeal.

His Lordship thought that the new procedure should result in considerable savings in time and costs to all concerned, at least if the parties gave due weight to the initial decision of the written application and the inherent unlikelihood that it would he changed on reconsideration. If they did not and unnecessarily incurred further costs, they had no one but themselves to blame.

Solicitors: Daynes Hill Perks, Norwich, Mills & Reput

ferred to a line of cases starting with Bullfa and Merthyr Dare Steam Collieries (1891) Ltd v that be had before him two cross-petitions under section 459 of the Companies Act 1985, which had been substantially If it were shown that the offer was not genuine no doubt it would fall to be wholly ignored, but on the question whether it should be regarded as inadmissible, because it was a post-valuation event, his Lordship, taking nethods a policy pathod. Pontypridd Waterworks Co [1903] AC 426) and ending with Sagama NV v Penny Le Roy Ltd ((1983) 269 EG 322), a which had been substantially compromised but there was an outstanding issue, namely whether a letter received by the vendors after they had accepted case which concerned the proban offer from the purchaser was admissible before the indepenlem of post-valuation comparables. taking perhaps a realist rather than a purist view, did not dent valuer. In that letter an offer was made by a non-member of the company to purchase the shares in question Mr Brisby had argued that a later offer was similar to a consider that the valuer should be required to ignore it change in the market price and purchase the for £700,000. was not a guide to the value as at

r £700,000. the valuation date. Solicitors: Dallas Bret The vendors submitted that - It seemed to his Lordship that ford; Theodore Goddard.

Removing delays in getting

Bench non-jury list and judge

in chambers' lists) To help remove delays in getting masters' appointments, caused by a huge increase in their work and a shortage of them, masters' summonses might be transferred to be dealt with by a judge in chambers under Order 32, rule 12 of the Rules of the Supreme Court, Mr Justice Drake said in the Queen's Bench Division on March 9.

HIS LORDSHIP said that there were delays in getting masters' appointments which had arisen because of a huge increase in the volume of the masters' work coupled with a shortage of masters for various To help remove such delays a

number of masters' summonses might be transferred to be dealt

with by a judge in chambers under Order 32, rule 12 of the

Rules of the Supreme Court.
Those would be added to

"Judge in Chambers Appeals List" which would in future be known as the "Judge in Cham-

Those matters would then very speedily be warned and thereafter might be put in The Daily Cause List either before a named judge or as "floaters". Where possible, the Clerk of the Lists would accept dates offered by the parties by bar-risters' clerks or by solicitors as at present. However, it would not always be possible to accept offered dates and the parties had to be ready for a hearing of a transferred masters' summons at very short notice. Where parties already had a

return date for a master's sum-mons more than four weeks

ahead and where the hearing

was estimated to last two hours

or more, thay might apply to the master to be transferred to the

judge in chambers list provided

The master would then decide

all parties consented.

There were now virtually no delays in listing matters for trial. That applied both to actions set down in the Queen's Bench

> applications to delay hearing dates were based solely on the surprise of the parties that matters were listed so quickly after being set down or entered for appeal to the judge in

they might be ordered personally to bear the costs of the

masters' appointments Listing Statement (Queen's what was presently known as the whether a transfer should be Judge in chambers and non-jury

Solicitors: Dallas Brett, Ox-

Division non-jury list and to appeals from the masters to the judge in chambers.

A considerable number of

All parties ought by now to be aware of the state of the lists and applications to stand out of the list would not be granted save on very cogent grounds.

If applications were made solely because solicitors were unaware of the state of the lists

either ex parte or inter partes.

"(2A) If an application under paragraph (2) is refused other-wise than after a hearing in open

fased the plaintiffs leave to appeal Order 59, rule 14, as substituted, provides: (2) An application to the Court of Appeal for leave to

within that time; and the court

court, the applicant shall be entitled, within seven days after he has been given notice of the refusal, to renew his application; such renewal application shall be made ex parte in open court. "(2B) If an application under paragraph (2) is granted other-wise than after a hearing inter partes, notice of the order shall be served on the party or parties affected by the appeal and any such party shall be entitled, within seven days after service of the notice, to apply to have the grant of leave reconsidered inter partes in open court.

Mr Mark Raeside for the defendant; Mr Derrick Turriff for the plaintiffs.

THE MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that in the ordinary course of events, a reconside ation of the grant of leave would have been by a single Lord Justice. His Lordship, however, had referred the defendant's application to the full court so that guidance could be given on the working of the new rule, The new system was aimed at saving time and expense. The

new rules provided for consideration of applications for leave

to appeal on the basis of written

material and without an oral hearing. Apart from the application itself the written material would consist of documents submitted to the court by the applicant in compliance with the terms of

may grant or refuse the applica-tion or direct that the applica-tion be renewed in open court

his legal advisers by the Civil judgment to be submitted to the judge)."

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If an extension of time for acknowledgement of receipt of the application.

So far as presently relevant that letter provided: "In every case a complete bound set of the relevant documents, with each page num-bered, together with an index at the front giving the page ref-

plicant's summons or notice of ex parte application (b) the applicant's sworn affidavit and exhibit[s] (e) a copy of the notice of appeal or draft notice of appeal (if this is not exhibited to that affidavit) (d) the order of the court below appealed from (e) any order of the court below refusing the relief now sought from the Court of Appeal (if different from (d)) (f) the writ or other originating process and the pleadings and (g) such documents as were in evidence in the court below and are relevant to the application and court below was taken down in shorthand or recorded on tape,

an official transcript of the judgment; or, if there was no shorthand note or tape recording, a typed copy of the note of judgment taken by the ap-plicant's counsel or solicitor. (If the applicant appeared in person in the court below the counsel or solicitor who ap-peared for the respondent in the court below must provide his/her note of the judgment; for the purposes of an application it the standard letter sent to him or is not necessary for the note of

Experience suggested that Lord Justices would be able on such material to divide applications into two large groups, consisting of applications which religible suggested. plainly ought to succeed or to fail, and a much smaller group, consisting of applications about which there was doubt and in which oral argument and pos-sibly more information would be required before they could be

ment would cause the Lord Justice to change his mind. They were composed, by definition, of plain cases. The rule therefore provided that he could at once make an order granting or However, safeguards had to

example, the transcript or note of judgment did not fully reveal

such orders would, in effect, be orders nisi, the disappointed applicant (where leave was refused) or the disappointed respondent (where leave was granted) having the right to require the decision to be reconsidered ex parte (in the case of the applicant) or inter-partes (in the case of the respondent), in either case at their own risk as to costs.

As the Lord Justice who considered the original applica-tion would already have ex-

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down, history is more important than holidays. It was disappointing more than that, it was infuriating - to arrive in Moscow and find Red Square, the Kremlin and St Basil's Cathedral closed to visitors. Crash barriers snaked across the vast expanse of frosty cobblestones, and friendly but firm police turned us all away.

We had been unlucky enough to arrive just at the time of a meeting of the Congress of People's Deputies. The Soviet Union's path to pluralism and a market economy was being stormily beaten out by the 2,250 elected deputies in the precincts which are Russia's equivalent of the Tower of London, Westminster Abbey, Par-liament and Downing Street, all rolled into one. The great fortress was closed, except for the special-ist displays in the Armoury, which could be seen by prior appoint-ment, by the few prepared to face a

stiff extra charge of £20 a head.

It was impossible to begradge the deputies their seat of government, and it was thrilling to feel so close to the reworking of the empire's destiny. What was startling was the fact that when we arrived in Moscow the night before, our guides had assured us confidently that our scheduled visit to the Kremlin was still on. Unlike our own Parliament, the

Soviet Union's unwieldy ruling body meets for only about 20 days a year. Last year there were spring and winter sessions. In addition to and winter sessions. In addition to this week's historic two-day emer-gency session, a newly-elected Congress is expected to meet in October this year. The Kremlin (which is always closed on Thursdays in any case) was also closed for a period in October last year. Intourist's office in London recently had no more inkling of this year's expected dates of closure than our own guides had about the

closure which happened next day. Closure is a vexation not only to tourists who may be making the only visit of their lives to MOscow, but also to ordinary Muscovites. The side-streets around-Red Square were thronged with disgruntled citizens forced to and visibly reflecting that if this was democracy, there was a price

= to pay for it. Soap-box orators, all excessively had-tempered, had set up their pitches on the crusted ice, as if to take advantage of the irritation of passers-by. They cast black looks at obvious foreigners like ourselves, and I should guess that their feelings about political change were not warm. But scarcely anyone stopped to listen to them. The flower-stalls nearby were doing much better business. Cut flowers are a staple commodity for the Russians. I wonder bether outsiders have any hope of ever grasping the priorities of a nation which can ensure plentiful supplies of carnations in midwinter, but cannot guarantee a

sufficiency of milk and bread. The place is still altogether an



hopping in the snow at a Moscow street stall: "a subtle vocabulary of status and display has developed . . . among the drab uniformity of the crowds in the street, the sharp eye may discern that hats speak volumes" the Moscow

entertainment and profound socio-economic study in its odd-ities. Our tickets for the ballet had clearly gone through intensive use as paper currency, passing from hand to hand until they were on the point of disintegration. In the crowded foyer of the Bolshoi, Russians looked at them wilting in our hands so hungrily that we were

What on earth impels Russians to stand outdoors in the deep frost, meditatively eating ice cream, of all things? And what is the secret language of the fur hat? Perhaps because the rouble is not trusted to hold its value as well as Arctic fox-fur, a subtle vocabulary of status and display has developed in the diversities of headgear, male as well as female. Among the drab uniformity of the crowds in the street, the sharp eye may discern that hats speak volumes. Whatever western campaigners may say, a fur hat can impart a barbaric majesty to the dumpiest Muscovite, and transmit outrageous hints of sensuality from women wrapped up like bolsters against the penetration of 20

degrees below zero. Seeing Russia in transformation was far too interesting for us to feel seriously downbearted over missing the Kremlin. But in practical terms, our story is one that others planning a visit at this time might bear in mind, if only as a warning to expect a certain unpredictability about things. It is an example of a typical intermittent vagueness in the operations of Soviet bureaucracy.

Some things happen with conderful efficiency (any Londoner must feel like creeping under a flagstone if he compares the functioning of the escalators in the underground systems of Moscow and London). But some things blow out of the in-tray, and are lost to view for years on end.

Take the Tretyakov Gallery. One of the things I had been looking forward to seeing was the icons. To see examples of the great Russian medieval tradition of icon-painting, you have to come to Russia: there is nowhere else. In Moscow itself, there are two unsurpassed collections. One is in the Kremlin churches, the other at the Tretvakov.

For the Kremlin, see above. For the Tretyakov, see the next century, perhaps. Six years ago, its 19th-century buildings were closed for extension and renovation. It is anybody's guess when they may reopen. One might

expect that a gallery housing the equivalent of the nation's Turners would arrange to have its major exhibits put on temporary display elsewhere, when planning a long-term clo-

sure. An obvious temporary gallery exists the huge, ultramodern and apparently halfempty State Picture Gallery, opposite the skating rink at Gorky Park. Some pictures

from the Tretva-

kov are indeed on show there - post-1917 paintings, including exciting work from the early years of the Revolution, but rather a mixed bag overall. Not a ghost of an icon.

What was baffling to us, and therefore intriguing, was not only the administrative fog which had allowed some of the country's greatest treasures simply to drop out of sight, but also the attitude of



Magic: the Novodevichy Convent able. The ques-

tion why things were as they were, and the question whether they might be arranged better, did not engage their interest. It was destiny, and there was no more to be said.

We mentioned a third major icon collection, in the Andronikov Monastery, where Andrei Rublev worked and is buried. A faraway look came into the beautiful eyes of the lady from Intourist. "Prob-

lem . . ." she murmured. "But guides. We went there are the French Impressionists at the Pushkin Museum . . . round them try-I tell the story not to carp, but to ing to find out what had gone convey a sensation which may be

recognizable to most who have visited the USSR - the sense of coming into contact with a vast and unwieldy entity, which is infuriating and at the same time curiously endearing. The things one might expect to go smoothly are the very things that will probably go adrift. The things that turn out to be most rewarding are exactly those which come haphazardly and unexpectedly. Perhaps this is a transitional characteristic of a society finding its footing in a new world. Or perhaps it is a trait which is

To fill what should have been our Kremlin morning, our party was taken to the Novodevichy Convent, on the edge of Moscow. No grambles about that. With its white-painted battlements and open-work brick turrets, protecting a tall bell-tower and a tov cathedral with clustered gilded cupolas, the convent is one of the most felicitous groups of buildings in the world. On a sparkling morning after a fall of new snow, with frost powdering the gilded

pinnacles, it is a magic place, a winter Taj Mahal.

Used by the tsars as a sort of holy oubliette for unruly royal dowagers, it has tales in its past which rival anything the Tower of London can offer for luridness. Furthermore, we found a fine show of icons there - not of the best vintage, but excellently displayed - and as an unexpected bonus, an exhibition of the patterned tiles which covered the giant stoves that used to warm traditional Russian homes.

For generations of children, the stove must have been picturebook, primer, wallpaper and comforter, and as much a stimulus to the imagination as any television. It was easy to imagine the storytelling that must have gone on in its warmth on a long winter's night. If we had seen the Kremlin, we would never have had any idea about the tiles.

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enigma. There is room for endless Jill Sherman limbers up for a week in the Savoie, and discovers the worst skiing weather for 20 years

oing pelvic thrusts while standing in three feet of snow on the side of a mountain during a raging blizzard is not generally my idea of fun. But after a white I almost enjoyed these stead. With plans for a ski appeal applicate bizarre early-morning work- mountaineering course next outs in full view of the skiing fraternity in Les Arcs.

"Arms up ... breathe in and stretch." Chalky White's voice boomed out of the mountainside as visibility closed in further and snow melted down our necks.

The daily 10-minute warmup, skis off, boots on, is a prerequisite of any of the courses run by Chalky White the small hamlet of Le Pre, and Martin Rowe under the above Villaroger, in the heart banner of Optimum Ski of the Savoic. Barely 100 yards

It is one of a handful of specialist British companies Les Arcs. running chales holidays and providing the instruction themselves — which the French authorities, after two bad seasons, are keen to get rid of But the pair seem confident skiets. that good relations with the



the huge skiing concourse of gingerly on gentle slopes but sity according to ability. At

made next year to match Intermediate skiers start

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backed by superb food, in a

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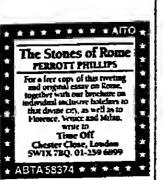
away, a chair-lift joins up with

The courses vary in inten-



Funny walks: a warming-up session precedes the day's skiing

are supposed to end up being able to tackle most things in most places. Advanced skiers cover more miles, diving off into powder snow to develop off-piste technique. Eight is



the maximum in any group, and beginners are vetoed.

In my case - a fair-weather and cautious skier - my plateau was somewhere around a medium-ish red slope in good conditions. A narrow, icy or steep piste filled me with terror.

Others on the basic course were a bit braver, but none of us had imagined we would ever ski in the conditions which presented themselves that week. The inhabitants of Le Pré swore they had not seen such bad weather for 20 years.

It snowed for seven days and seven nights. The tired I could balance on steepish brown slopes that greeted us slopes, but oddly tended to on Saturday morning as we arrived by train from Calais were transformed overnight by a metre of snow, with another two metres over the pext three days.

snowflakes fell. But by Wedavalanche risks, the whines for video sessions. better weather became des-

All credit, then, to Chalky and Martin and the staff at Chalet Tarentaise that spirits remained high throughout the offered by their wives, Linda

Despite the pea-soup conditions, they did get us out on to the slopes on all but two warmest gear with promises of spiked hot chocolate at 11.30. The 9am press-ups over,

Martin patiently and expertly us less-experienced people through the blizzards and the four main elements of pressure control and edge

body thrown forward: easier said than done. Ankles flex, feet steer and pelvises are thrust somewhere. Knees are balance, argues Rowe, the rest yelled: "Whoopee!" follows. By the end of the week collapse in a heap where it was

To be fair, we did not get through the whole course because of the weather, and rechnique was often cast aside "Whoopee," was the first in efforts to negotiate invisible cry from instructors and sleiers slopes and bumps. We barely

Fun for none but the brave started on "pressure" and never made "edge control". Normally both groups get a Alpine guide, Christian Bougnaud. In our week, both days nesday, when we were unable were cancelled because of to venture out at all because of avalanche threats, as were the

> On one morning, forced indoors, we appropriately had a talk on avalanche conditions and off-piste skiing. Aided by a rather alarming video, we were told where not to ski and what to do if caught in an week. This was partly due to avalanche. "If you spit and it their own good humour and dribbles down your nose partly to the excellent food wou're the wong way up." you're the wrong way up," said Chalky, helpfully. "Don't bother to shout if you hear someone, because they won't

hear you . . . and don't panic."
The other 15 people on the mornings, togged up in our course - many on their second or third visit - made what could have been a frustrating week enormous fun, mainly because they all mucked in and got on surprisingly well.

I left on the first day of the best week of the season. But skiing - balance, steering, that one day of sun, revealing mile upon mile of royal-iced peaks, with Mont Bianc hold-Skis a little apart, arms wide ing court in the distance, was apart in front and the whole more than enough to hury sneaking thoughts of hanging up my ski-boots.

Arms out wide, body flung sort of forward, I turned with never mentioned. If you can my feet, stayed upright and

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AUGUST

ROTTERDAM POP FESTIVAL: A one-off megaevent to celebrate Rotterdam's 650th anniversary. Thirty days of pop in a specialty built city on the Maasviakte peninsula. World Wide Fund for Nature collaborate in theme of Bring Nature Back to the

Aug 1-31: Carthago 90, PO Box 63023, 3002 JA Rotterdam 60x tisuzus, suuz JA Hotterdam (010 31 10 4780400) or Netherlands Board of Tourism, 25-28 Buckingham Gate, London SW1 6LD (01-630 0451).

BREGENZ FESTIVAL Opera on the floating stage on the Bodensee, backed by the mountains of the the mountains of the Vorariberg. New production of La Wally with Mara Zampieri, and revival of David Pountney's Flying Dutchmen on the take.
July 20-Aug 22: Bregenzer Festspiele, Postfach 311, A-6901 Bregenz. (010 43 5574 22811-0). Henebery departs Aug 1-7 at £520 for half-board, two operas and a concert. Prosect offers board, two operas and a concert. Prospect offers two five-night trips departing July 26 and Aug 2, from £505 for B&B and two operas. JMB offers a wide range of trips, escorted and unescorted from £368-£449. Brompton goes from July 27-31 at £399 for B&B, two operas, one

concert. SALZBURG FESTIVAL: Opera, oratoria, concerts recitals and theatre: new production of Idomeneo, revivals of Un ballo, Fidelio, Don Giovanni, Cosl and Capriccio.

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Aug 18-Sept 8: Via Rossini 37, 1-81100 Pesaro (010 39 721 697360). Lirica offers seven nights from Aug 7 at £498 for

e Zoraide and La scala di

accomodation and tickets. JMB offers a wide range of trips from £259-£990. TORRE DEL LAGO: Puccini Festival on the composer's own island. This year Madama Butterfly with Watanabe and Tosca with

Plowright.
July 23-Aug 17: Lirica
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trips from £348-£762 for accommodation and tickets. JMB offers a variety of trips from £236-£599. BRUGES EARLY MUSIC FESTIVAL: Evening concerts this year present an

anthology of the European Latin World, with Monteverdi's 1640 Vespers. Lunchtimes are devoted to the age of the troubadours. July 28-Aug 11: Tourist Office, Burg 11, B-8000 Bruges (010 50 448686). HELSINKI FESTIVAL: Chamber music, jazz and dance in the Kaivopuisto Park. This year's theme is Finland, with new works by

Aho, Lindberg, Nordgren and

Tiensuu. Aug 2-Sept 9: Unionkatu 28, 00100 Helsinki (010 358 10 SANTANDER FESTIVAL Historic buildings of Calabria provide the setting for concerts, ballet and street theatre. This year Aida, Die Walkure, Orleo ed Euridice,

and the complete organ music of Franck. July 2-Sept 10: Oficina del Festival, Calvo-Sotelo 15-5, E-39002 Santander (010 34 42 314819). **LUCERNE FESTIVAL OF** MUSIC: Wide-ranging programme from Lieder to electronic music includes visits from Thomas Hampson,

Marjana Lipvosek and Andras Schiff.
Aug 15-Sept 8:
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SEPTEMBER

BRNO MUSIC FESTIVAL: Concerts and opera in the cultural capital of South Moravia centre on the Janaček Theatre, and feature music by Janáček, Martinu and Late Sept-early Oct: Cedok offers a week's tour departing Sept 27 at £399 including

tickets and two nights in

Prague. Henebery offers a similar deal.



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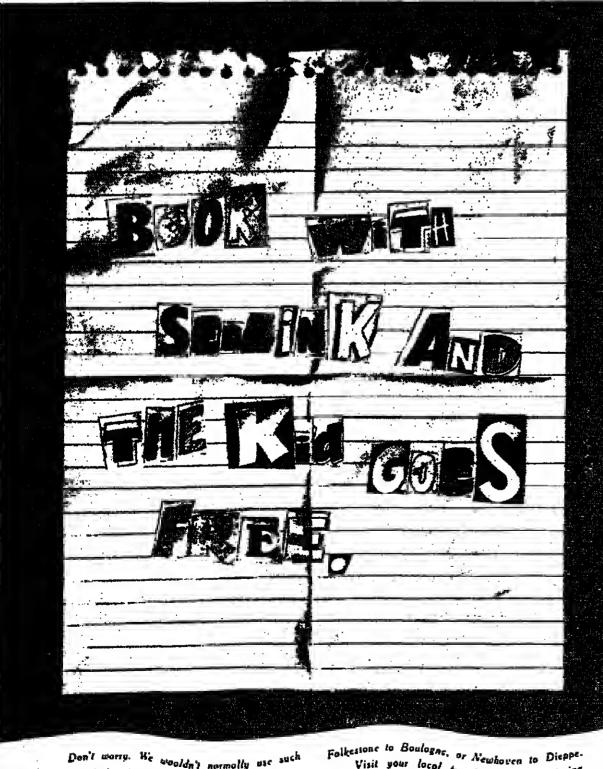
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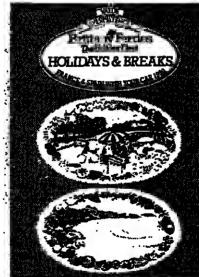
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Leaping in at the deep end

Snorkelling is a simple way to get more from a beach or seaside holiday. I have flippered my way around the reefs in Malta and Main and Ma Majorca, stared down at wrecks off Nassau, fled from sharks off Port Sudan, and torsented tropical fish off

half a huudred All snorkelling takes is a little common sense and half an hour learning how to hold your breath and clear water from the face mask, and away you go. The standard snorkelling kit – a mask, a snorkel

tube and the optional pair of flippers — weighs little and takes up hardly any space in the suitcase, but can provide a window to a colourful underwater world.

Scuba-diving, the full Jacques Consteau number, with tanks and

ost diving schools offer holiday accommodation and courses which combine fun with serious instruction, hut scuba-diving is also available from a growing number of holiday companies. Check that the instructors are qualified and that comprehensive "fly-you-home" diving insurance

Even if you just decide to try a dive or two off the beach with the local diving school abroad, you should not step into the water without suitable insurance cover, which the school ought to offer, or insist that you obtain. It will certainly insist that the diver signs an indemnity form which covers it, so be sure you have insurance to cover you. All specialist operators will offer diving insurance as a matter of course, but check that the cover is adequate.

Twickers World is the largest supplier of scuba-diving holidays, with trips to good diving schools in locations all over the world. Its 1990 brochure includes 16 days in Sabah, diving in the Celebes Sea at prices from £1,530; 10 days diving off Phuket in Thailand from £790; the Barrier Reef of Australia from £2,685, and a wide range of diving, suitable for beginners and experts, near Bodrum in Turkey at prices from £219, plus the cost of the

Something rather less intense is available through Global Holidays, a family holiday company which is offering a dive package with Unisub, as part of a two-week family holiday to Estartit on the Costa Brava. The basic cost of the holiday, self-catering, by air, is £184-£254. The dive-pack costs £198 (Novice Diver Course), or £198 (Sports Diver Course), or, for the qualified diver, 10 dives for £86 or, with equipment hire, £148.

Aquasun Holidays specializes in another popular holiday destination, Malta, offering family holi-days and scuba-diving trips with Divewise, a local dive-school. Seven days cost from £239, 14 days from £285, excluding diving. A covice diving course costs £62, for six days or £116 for 12 days, while those holding a sports diving certificate can go boat-diving without a qualified instructor in attendance, for £78 for six days. This dive-pack covers air, equipment, the boat and use of facilities.

Sol Sports visits Lanzarote, Malta, Gibraltar and Eilat with its

complicated. If you want to scubadive properly, and safely, you need proper instruction from experienced divers. Such instruction is available all over the world, but it comes in a variety of forms, with half an

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hour at the deep end of the hotel swimming hotel swimming pool being the all-toocommon introduction to the joys and perils of

the deep. Be careful, though scuba-diving is not for everyone. If you have a heart condition, or one of a number of chronic illnesses (consult your

doctor), or are subject to vertigo or claustrophobia, scuba-diving may not be for you. But if you are fit and like the water, scuba-diving could be the perfect holiday pastime.

Robin Neillands

scuba-diving holidays, which in-clude beginners' weeks, and a range of dive packs for every level of competence. The beginner's week oo Lanzarote starts with a one-day introductory plunge for the complete hegioner or snorkeller. This costs £40, or £20 if the beginner then decides to take the entry scuba experience course over three days, run by the local diving centre, and costing £80. Experienced divers — with a sport diver's certificate — can book a six- or 12-dive pack costing £70-£120 respectively.

Meoo Villas has chosen Gozo for its venture into the deep end, where a two-week villa holiday with two hours' diving per day will cost from £319, rising sharply to £580 in July. This includes flights, accommodation and the dive pack designed for beginners. Halsey Villas uses the Caribbean island of Antigua for its diving holidays; the all-in price for an eight-day holiday starts at £1,075.

All-Abroad caters for the real diving enthusiast and offers some of the best Mediterranean diving spots, with a range of facilities including live-aboard boats, shore diving, camping and diving safaris, plus diving tuition. Prices vary, but start as low as £142 for seven nights. Duncan Travel of Southamptoo offers full-board accommodation on its diving holidays to the Red Sea via Cairo, 12 days' diving from £645, eight days' from £425.

Coming closer to home and out to the Channel Islands, a group of qualified divers could get together and hire the MV Maureen, a wellequipped dive-boat operating oot of Dartmouth. From the Maureen you can go wreck-diving off the coast of Guernsey and around the Casquets. These are fast tidal waters, full of currents, so this is for qualified, experienced divers only. The Maureen can hold up to 12 divers and the cost for the boat is 1444 per week-day, or £480 at weekends.

Heading further afield, to the Far East, Regal Diving, of Ely, offers Thailand from £830 and a 10-day trip with five days' boat cruise to the Andaman Islands where, I am assured, the diving is superb and the underwater life still untouched. This holiday costs from £999 for five days affoat and five days ashore in Thailand. Nonsnorkelling, at prices from £919.

divers can go along of go Regal Diving has holidays io Jordan, based at the Royal Diving Centre at Agaba, which has a pool,



lecture rooms, hot showers, all the comforts and the Red Sea at the bottom of the garden. The Red Sea is a very popular scuba-diving location because there is a good chance of seeiog sharks. Scuba divers are very keen to see sharks, preferably first. More Red Sea diving is available from Red Sea Aquarians of Wallingtoo io Surrey. Its holidays are based at Rudi Kneips' Red Sea diviog centre at Hurghada in Egypt, but include a comprehensive range of diving options: live aboard boat equipment hire and instructional courses, including some for

he island of Madeira, in the warmer, southern part of the Atlantic, has crystal-clear water and reefs with wrecks and abundant marine life, all of which can be explored on a holiday with Ocean Diving of Banbury, lts holidays are based at the Hotel Savoy Dive Centre oo Funchal, where specialities on offer include cave diving and night diving. Heading west to Nassau and the out-islands of the Bahamas, Barracuda Travel offers unlimited divios aboard its yacht, Bahamian Barracuda. The yacht has a crew of two and accepts a maximum of four divers, who must hold a minimum sport diver's qualification. They can dive oo reefs and into blue holes, visit deserted islands, and the cost, full board, based in Nassau, is £80 per head

Back in the Mediterranean,

Sardinia Diving Holidays runs boat diving trips to the 16 largely uoexplored islands of the Madelana archipelago, including the island of Caprera, where commercial fishing has been banned for the past 20 years. There are lots of wrecks to see or explore, including an almost intact Second World War Italian submarine, and the clear water makes this area a particularly good spot for uoderwater photography. These holidays are for sport drving level or better, and the prices start at £249, self-catering for ooe week, and the seven-day dive pack (10

LEARNING

cuba-diving demands quite a lot more skill and technique than simple snorkelling, and if you have oo experience of it at all, you would be well advised to take some lessons to this country before booking your holiday. Probably the best-known centre for scubadiving instruction in the UK is the long-established Fort Bovisand underwater centre at Plymouth, the largest diving school in Europe, which offers weekend or five-night courses from the end of March to the end of September, when the local waters are clear and fairly warm. Fort Bovisand runs courses for beginners, aged from 15 years up, and also for qualified divers seeking to improve, all run by iostructors with qualifications from the British Sub-Aqua Club (BSAC) and Professional Association of Diving Instructors (PADI). All equipment is supplied, and prices range from £36 to £50 for two nights, or £225 for five nights, with full-board accommodation at £26.15 per night.

A very wide range of scuba-diving courses is available at the Poole Dive Centre, where a three-hour BSAC introductory course costs £15. This will let you see if you like diving, and shows all that scubadiving involves. If you decide to proceed, the novice course in the diving pool lasts two days, and with the introductory course costs £169, excluding accommodation. Those who inteod to go sca-diving without supervision oo holiday should then proceed to take the five-day sport divers's course, costing £293.

The BSAC sport diver's qualification is considered to be the minimum standard necessary for unsupervised sea-diving, though it should be understood that unsupervised does not mean unaccompanied. Never dive alooe. A full list of BSAC-recognized diving schools io Britain and abroad can be obtained from The British Sub-Aqua Club, 16 Upper Woburn Place, Loodoo WCIN OPW, 01-383 9302.

SAFETY FIRST

the first rule for snorkelling on holiday is "Doo't do anything using a snorkel mask and tube you would not do without

Stay in safe water, or within your depth; stay well away from speed-boats, water-skiers and power-craft. Be sure you can be seen. Above all, never snorted alone, and use your common sense. Buy a separate snorkel tube and mask, not the integrand outlit, which cannot be casily cleared if it fills with water. Towa surface buoy, a "safe sausage"; to mark your position, and abuse return to shore or the boot before you are cold or exhan "Scuba" is an acronym for Self-Contained Underwater Breathing Apparatus, and much of the above advice also applies to scuba. But, since scuba-diving is a much more technical activity, demanding more specialized equipment and skills, the best advice for anyone contemplating a scubadiving holiday is to ensure that the dives and instruction on offer are run or supervised by qualified personnel, with British Sub-Aqua Club (BSAC). Professional Association of Diving Instructors (PADI) or National Association of Underwater Instructors (NAWI) qualifications. BSAC diving qualifications are regarded as the finest in the

If you have never tried scube-diving, it may be worth seeking out a BSAC recognized diving school and learning about it first in Britain before booking your

A useful guide for scuba-divers and snorkellers is the BMW Tropical Beach Handbook (Fourth Estate £12.95), which gives a comprehensive view of the world's best tropical beaches, listing where to dive. the kind of diving available, and a list of local dive operators. The Diver sponsored by the BSAC and available from Diver Magazine, 40 Grays Inn Road, Londoo WIX 8LR (£25.50 including postage and packing).

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ise divers will always contact the holiday operator first and discuss the facilities available. Specialist operators will offer diving insurance, but you should make sure this is a "fly-youhome" policy. Twickers World 01-892 7606; The Poole Dive Centre 0202 677427; Duncan Travel 0703 702063; All Abroad 01-458 2666; NIV Maureen Diving Holi 0860 571012; Regal Diving 0353 778096; Ocean Diving (Madeira) 0295 272098; Red Sea. Aquarians 01-669 0068; Aquasun Holidays 01-258 3555; Sardinia Diving Holidays 01-642 9784; Sol Sports 0992 584092; Barracuda Travel 0476 861177; Dive and Sail 0452 740919; Global Holidays 01-466 4647; Virgin Diver's World Holidays 0293 775511; Fort Borisand Underwater Control Bovisand Underwater Centre 0752 408021; Meon Villas 0730 66561; Halsey Villas 01-723

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The car, I thought, was quite respectable. Stoutly Scandinavian, no rust or furry danglers at the windows, and washed not six months before. Bot it was clearly not respectable enough to stand outside the front door of Cliveden and clutter the view from the sweeping gravel drive. We had barely come to a halt when two solicitous valets materialized as if from nowhere, one to unload the luggage and the other impatient to assume command of the offending vehicle and whisk it into hiding in a discreet yard round the back, where I imagine it hung its headlights in shame. The following day, I felt even worse. Mr Robert Max-

well arrived by helicopter to attend a wedding reception, and had his Rolls and driver on hand to ferry him the 300 yards from the pad to the front door. And the Rolls stayed outside the froot door all

In the days when Cliveden was the majestie home of the Astors, one's own chauffeur would naturally have parked the motor. Now that it is a hotel, and now that only the likes of Mr Maxwell have people to do the driving for them, the staff do their best, in

A breath of luxury air

the immaculately restored building, to recreate the

house parties. would, I suppose, jar with the Attentiveness is what three cut-glass decanters in characterizes Cliveden, and each room (no minibars here) not just in the matter of

parking. With a maximum capacity of only 50 guests. there are enough staff to dance attendance on your every Nancy's house parties, whim, be it to clean the mud according to the autofrom your shoes after a walk through the house's beautiful 370 aeres of woodland attractive stretch of the entire in regular use. Now Cliveden Thames, or to summon a pot has combined the two by of tea at four in the morning. opening the Pavilion, a very And dance they do. I superior health club, in the broached with the manage- walled garden alongside the meet the thought of kettle and open-air swimming pool teapot in the room to deal with made infamous by the Probouts of thirst during unsocial fumo set. Thence I repaired,

WEEKEND to ring for anything they require, mt any time of the day authentie atmosphere of one or night," the management of Nancy's weekend country said. Fair coough; a kettle

containing whisky, gin and vodka, the bill discreetly cal-

culated by ruler at the end of biography of her niece, Joyce Grenfell, were a combination of luxury and activity; indeed, grounds alongside the most the indoor tennis court is still

and unwinding from the strain of watching cars being parked. Besides the 18-metre beated pool, the Pavilion has the usual array of steam rooms, saunas and plunge pools to induce perspiration and afterglow. Staff offer a full range of facial beauty treatments for women and men, or Swedish massage at £25 an hour.

Luxury and service of Cliveden's standard are not cheap, but nor are they outrageous. The hotel adopts the sensible European practice of charging for the room, not the number of people in it. Bedrooms are individually decorated and named after famous guests of the past; prices, including full English breakfast taken communally in the Versailles-style French diningroom, range from £170 for a double room up to £375 for the best suites. Each guest is surcharged £3 as a cootribution to the National Trust, owner of the house and grounds.

working off the previous evening's excellent five-course dinner (£39 for the set menu)

Alan Hamilton Cliveden Hotel, Taplow, Bucks SL6 OJF (0628-668561) hours. "We expect our guests propelled by the twin needs of

Score a quiet break

Despite this week's police warnings that violence by some England football fans is being planned for the World Cup matches in Italy during June, there is little sign of any adverse effect on holiday bookings. The specialist tour operator Citalia reports only a "slight drop" in bookings for Sardinia where Eagland will be playing three matches between June 11 and 21. Sicily, where the Dutch will be playing, is seeing no downturn in its popularity. Britain's largest package holiday company, Thomson, attributes no loss of business to the Cup. The company has taken pains to ensure that there will be no football groups on its holiday flights to Italy. A notice which it sent to agents at the start of the booking season said that it was the company's intention to ensure that genuine holiday-makers wishing to travel to ltuly with their family or friends are not inconvenienced by the presence of groups of football fans on the flight or in the resort." Agents were in-

structed that any group booking for the relevant period "must be accompanied by

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names and deposits at the time of booking, and any bookings for all-male, large groups may be refused." Another special-ist operator, Magic, of Italy, said that possible disruption caused by the Cup did not seem to have been a deterrent.

Biting advice

Global warming cannot be hlamed for the 2,000 cases of malaria presented each year to British doctors. Many of those who fall victim to the disease are holidaymakers and busioessmen who did not seek expert guidance on precautionary measures before leaving home. They should have no excuse now with a new, easily accessible advice service. The Hospital of Tropical Diseases' has opened a telephone advice hotline, charging 38 pence per minute. The line (0898 345 081) is inter-

active, which questions the caller about his or her pro-posed destination. I picked the Caribbean and learned that malaria is a risk in the Dominican Republic and in Haiti. But, despite £3 worth of interaction, I could not dis-cover which prophylactic drugs to huy or ask my doctor to prescribe. Dr R. Behrens at the hospital said that the line was intended to alert the public to the need to take precautions and to refer them to its clioic or their own doctor for prescription.

Shona Crawford Poole

• A one week horseriding holiday in Spain with Aventura costs from £385, not £495 as had been stated of February 24.

 Surcharges on package holidays must be levied within 30 days of departure, not eight weeks as stated in the same

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Guatemala is a country of written book, cynical and paradoxes, as Anthony Daniels reveals in "Sweet Waist of America" - Journeys Around Gzatemala (Hntchinson, £14.95). Daniels speut eight months in Gaatemala, encountering everyone from peasants to children at the country's most privileged school, the unbelievable red tape of government depart-ments to evangelical healers,

funny in turn. Daniels abandons his preconceptions one by one, finding himself charmed by old dictators (whose names and addresses appear in the telephone directory) and annoyed by the many do-gooding foreigners intent on finding Guatemala a "Disneyland of horrors" while both books are readable and ignoring its complexities and packed with information. subtle shades of truth.

aged American hippies to The Penguin Guide to Mex-members of the military sus- ico 1990 (28.99) and The ico 1990 (58.99) and The

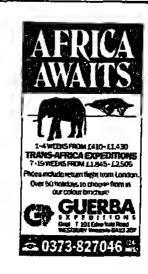
or travel extensively through, the particular region which they write. The books spell out the attractions of each area and make recommendations about sightseeing, hotels, restaurants, shopping and so forth. There are simple black and white maps and

specialists who either live in,

• The Travellers Companion to the West Country by Michpected of civilian massacres. It Penguin Gaide to Hawaii 1990 £16.99), defines its patch as is an intriguing country and a (£5.99) do exerything right. "south of the M4 and west of fascinating and beautifully Each is written by a handful of the hazy line extending from ael Jenner (Michael Joseph,

Wareham on the Dorset coast", but admits that others think of the area in terms of cider and cream teas. Jenner states that he wants to strip the west country of its Thomas Hardy/Lorna Doone associations, instead stressing the "physical aspects" of the past. The text is interesting and informative, covering the area in historical order. The colour photographs are so lovely and plentiful that anyone with a penchant for "Hardy country" might buy this simply as a coffee table book.

Jenny Tabakoff





ROS DRINKWATER

TRAVEL

A desert surprise

Off the beaten track in Namibia,

Ros Drinkwater discovers a strange and beautiful land time has passed by

ake up and come quickly," whispered the Ovambo, shaking me gently, "We think he is near." I unpeeled my sleeping-bag and optoed across the sand. You could hear him crashing through the undergrowth on the far side of the water hole. Then he appeared, a huge desert elephant, ghostly pale in the moonlight. For half an hour we watched while he drank and munched mopani. Then he turned and vanished into the night.

Namibia, formerly South West Africa and due to become in-dependent on March 2I, has been described as a Third World country with a First World infrastruc-ture. Overseas visitors are often suprised by the excellent transport and communications, and the comparad vely sophisticated life of the capital, Windhoek. But step off the beaten track and there is desert wilderness, unchanged since the Bushmen first settled it

3,000 years ago.
After the Bushmen came the Nama and the Damara, the farming Ovambos and the aristocrace Hereros. Over the centuries Euro-. peans came and went. Only the Germans, fleeing a rapidly indust-rializing Europe, felt an affinity with the strange, arid land and in 1884 claimed it for the Kaiser. They were a curious breed, those early pioneers, hardy beyond be-. . lief, but with a strong streak of romanticism. They trekked hunwireds of miles in search of water, teams of 20 iron-shod oxen pulling their wagons, but where they finally came to rest they built Rhineland-style castles and art nouveau mansions lavishly furnished with the finest goods Europe could supply.

The best colonial architecture can be found in the small town of Luderitz, well worth a detour for the old-fashioned charm of its wind and sand-beaten streets. Luderitz is en route to oowhere,

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27. mg Arrest Al Far Page perched between ocean and desert. The highway that leads there cuts through the forbidden territory of the world's richest diamond fields. Stopping your car on the road is a offence, but it is rumoured that more than a few of Namibia's 27 millionaires suffered vehicle breakdowns in thispart of the world.

Close by is the ghost town of Kolmanskop, founded when an African literally stumbled on a diamond. After the discovery of the richer diamond grounds to the south, Kolmanskop was abandoned and its villas, shops and casino are sinking under the sands.

The appeal of Namibia is the sheer scale of its grandeur, the endless mountain vistas of the Fish River Canyon, the wide, flat Etosha Pan in the north, teeming with game, the Namib desert itself, which runs the full length of the coast and gives the country its name - at its centre a sea of apricot-coloured sand dunes towering nearly 1,000ft.

But begin your journey gently at Swakopmund, the country's favourite resort, a bolthole for Namibians fleeing the summer heat of the interior. Swakop is a memorial to colonial town planning with wide boulevards and fine German buildings. Here the sun shines all year round, but at night cool fogs are blown in from the ocean, keeping the temperature at a comfortable 22°C. Swakop has a cosmopolitan air.
It is popular with writers and

artists and a favourite location for foreign film companies. The locals are unfazed by the sight of Grace Jones sashaying down Kaiser Street, Dolph Lungren eating shark steak in Kucke's Pub, or Sir Laurens van der Post sipping tea at the Cafe Anton. There is excellent bathing and surfing, and miles of wide, sandy beaches - but take care oear the harbour where the beach makes a sudden dive to the depths of the ocean and the

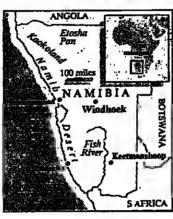


Natural art in the desert: strange, colourful shapes are weathered out of the sand dunes - some nearly 1,000ft high - and granite formations near Spitzkoppie, Namibia's Matterhorn

force of the waves can knock you flat on your back.

There are several first-class hotels, but the Pension Schweitzerhouse, with the attached Cafe Anton, has a special charm. Its terrace is the hob of Swakop cafe society. It overlooks the town planners' pièce de résistance, a dual-carriageway planted with palms leading from the centre of town down to the ocean. Some years ago, one end was sealed off. "It was beginning to attract trafwas the crypoe explanation.

The ethnological treasures at Swakop's museum had whetted my appetite for a trip to the interior. The sea fog hung over Kaiser Street as we set off for Kaokoland in search of the nomadic Ovahimba tribe, who live much in the manner of their Stone Age ancestors, Kaokoland is not for the feeble. Travel is by fourwheel-drive vehicle only, and one vehicle travelling alone is oot recommended in case of a break-



down. Full supplies of petrol, water and food must be carried. My guide, Paul van der Bilh, is an expert in desert survival and a mine of unforgettable facts . . . How to render a scorpion edible: remove the sting, boil it up and pretend it's a prawn. What to do should a black mamba crawl over you in the night: ignore it, the poor



Simple living: the Ovahimbas live much like their Stone Age ancestors

our sleeping-bags. We made camp in dried-up riverbeds mottled with

leopard spoor, and drifted off to

sleep counting the shooting stars, alert to the cries of hyena, jackal,

and baboon; they were probably quite a way off but we slept with

stout sticks by our sides in the

sand, just in case. In the desert,

yoo are always prepared.

thing's just looking for warmth and if you can't handle that, carry a sealed tent. The correct mode of female dress for meeting the 'Himba: preferably an anklelength skirt, never trousers; the Himba are gentle, but they have to draw the line somewhere.

At noon, the temperature soared to 40°C, at night we froze in

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fly twice weekly to Namibia via Frankfurt, approximate price £851 to £1,010, depending on tha season. Namib Air is planning direct flights from London at a date to be announced. Comfortable hotel room with

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bath costs between £16 per night per person (Pension Schweitzerhaus, Swakopmund) to £46 per person (Kalahari Sands Hotel, Windhoek). It is advisabla to book in good tima.

 DAS, PO Box 339,
 Swakopmund, offers a ranga of desert safaris. For further information on hotels and guest farms, contact Namibia Trada and Tourism, Private Bag 13297, Windhoek 9000.

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Never take lerters for granted.

The Yoruba tribe of Nigeria once used cowrie shells ro communicate with each other. Six sent to your beloved meanr, "I fancy you." Eight sent back in reply meanr, "I'll leave rhe door open."

It was of course vital to be able to count accurately.

Other early forms of communication took even more ervptic form.

Peruvian Quinus - knotted cords of different colours - were used by Inea Civil Servants as a sort of filing system for public records,

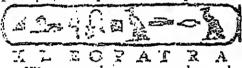
These are still used iu Lambeth today.

The Quipu may have been alright for beating llamas, but as a way of communicating, it couldn't beat writing: "the greatest invention of man" according to Abraham Lincoln.

In the earliest stages of writing letters were

drawn like pictures (pietographs). The first pictographic writing was Sumeriau from around 4000BC.

The most famous was Egyptian hieroglyphic - sacred writing engraved in stone. This meant absolutely nothing to anyone until a Frenchman called Champollion succeeded in working out and writing the name of Cleopatra from hieroglyphs on the Rosetta Stone in 1822. Realising what he'd done, he cried out "Je tiens l'affair!" ("I've cracked it!"), and promptly collapsed in a heap.



We can also congratulate the Egyptians for developing the pen and papyrus. It may not seem much to ou, out it was a damn sight easier to tuck under your arm than a chisel and a block of granite.

To keep the number of signs down ro a minimum, the Egyptians adopted the rebus principle - a pictorial way of substituting pictures for words or syllables. Need say more?

Pirv the Chinese didn't grasp this principle. Even now their written language has 50,000 graphic characters. (Incidentally, in early Chinese the signs for 'woman' plus 'broom' meant 'wife,' 'Weman' plus 'woman' meant 'quarrel' - the earliest example of sexism in literature.)

And so, as scholars' jaws drop even lower, let us skip to the alphabetic system of writing 'invented' some 3,600 years ago.

The word alphabet is simply the combined Greek names for the first two letters, aipha and beta.

The first letter of the Hebrew (talef). Arabic (talif), Greek (alpha) and Latin (A) alphabets all came from this: 6. a gicture of an ox head which & over the years & changed into something & we all recognise. don't we A?



The first alphabet is believed to have come from the Semites. But it was the Phoenicians who aimed to devise a true alphabet which relied on one symbol to represent one sound.

Early alphabetic scripts could be read from rop to bottom, left to right, right to left and, at one period in Greek history, were written in boustrophedon - as the ox ploughs - from right to left and back again from left to right. Confused? You will be...



Hallelujah! The Greeks stop the Phoenician alphabet spinning round and get everybody to agree to read from left to right. Except those poor Chinese of course ...



And on to the alphabet we inherited from the Romans. The most perfect expression of the letters is chiselled

into the base of the Trajan Column in Rome. By common consent, these Capitalis Romana are known as the most beautiful of all Roman letters and were the prototype for wesrern letter forms.

About 50AD, the last letter in the alphabet was X. Then after conquering Greece and learning a few Greek jokes that needed a bit of explaining, the Latins added Y and Z. J and U were added in the early Middle Ages and W arrived in the 11th century just in time for Beowulf.

Meanwhile, back in the court of one hell of an imagination, invented paper. Made from tree bark, fish nets to reach Europe.



Whizzing past the order for one Domesday Book placed in 1086 (famoose for its paw spelling), here's a cultural handrail to give you some perspective on rhe 12th century. In the whole of Europe there were only four universities: Paris, Oxford, Bologna and Salerno.

As hooks were hecoming more of Emperor Wu Di, a Chinese eunuch a commercial enterprise, the need called Cai Lun with no halls but to cram more and more onto a page produced the Gothic or Black Letter. De rigeur for religious manuscripts, it and old rags, it took over 1,000 years still plagues wedding invites and made Chaucer a swine to read even then.

and redefine the proportions of the old Roman Capitals using the mutual proportions of rhe human body.

One such was Geofrey Tory, one of the higgest men in French letters, no, hang on...



Albrecht Dürer relied on nothing more than a sketch and a description of a rhino for this woodcut which was a sell out and went through eight editions.

Unlike the rhino, which went through the ship's hold on its way to Pope Leo X and had to he forwarded to him, stuffed.

Direr also wrote "Of the

but it's not as good a

Just Shaping of Letters" in 1525,

The 16th century saw French

typographers leading the world. The

most sought after of the time, respon-

sible for establishing the first type

foundry, was Claude Garamond who

died penniless in 1561, a little abead of

By the 18th century the spread of

literacy amongst a growing middle

class made printing big business.

William Caslon's Old Face type, cut

in 1722, became known as "the finest

venicle for the printed conveyance of

Nothing was good enough for

Baskerville. He made his own ink, de-

veloped his own wove paper and made

the first real improvements to the

printing press since Gutenberg. His

typeface, dismissed as 'painful' at the

time, is now one of the most popular

and linked the 'Old styles' with the

After his death, Baskerville's type

and punches ended up in Paris where

they were used during the French

Revolution. His body, for various

bizarre reasons, spent the best part of

80 years kicking around a warehouse

and plumber's shop before being

The so-called "Father of 'modern'

type," Bodoni of Parma managed to

attract Napoleon's attention with the

Wood & Sharnoods, Ormane uted No 1, 1838

Display faces were just whar rhe early

imperial look of his work.

Fat Face.

finally put to rest.

English speech."

'Moderns'

enduring fame. C'est la vie.



begins Urn, that at ite

From The Mother's Picture Alphabet of 1862.



'The Adventures of Tom Sawyer' was the first novel to be written on a typewriter in 1875. Mark Twain dismissed his Remington as a "new fangled thing."



Better known to Yuppies for his wallpapers and textiles, the poet William Morris started the Kelmscott Press in 1891 to revive the beauty of typography that book production lost, in his opinion, somewhere in the 15th century.



The first sans serif (letters without pointy bits), of the 20th century was Johnston's Railway Type designed for the London Underground in 1918.



Without doubt the most influential authority on printing and typography this century, Stanley Morison is most publicly remembered for re-designing The Times. The October 3rd issue of 1932 was the first to feature his Times New Roman.



A zip through the last 50 years. Machines took over from men to pursue the goal of ever clearer letters. set ever more quickly.

Up to the turn of the century however, book print was put together by 'Pica Thumpers' - so called after a size of type.

Paid by the 'ennage' (or length of setting) they bad a sneaky habit of slipping extra space into the line. It's easy to spot their work. Then along came the computer...



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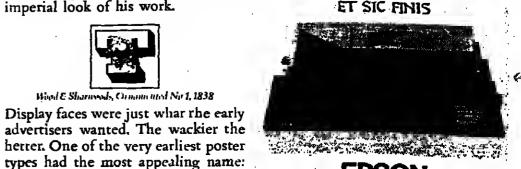
(Those poor old Chinese, that's another 52 brush strokes they'll have to learn.)

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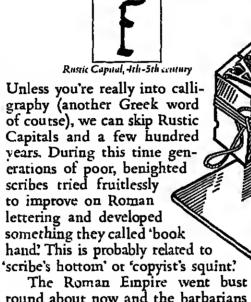


A POTTED HISTORY OF PRINTING FROM THE FIRST LETTER TO THE LAST WORD.

One variation on Black Letter

was known as Bastarda for pretty

ohvious reasons.



round about now and the barbarians turned it iuto a bingo hall.



As the dust settled ou the Roman Empite, Literae Unciales (inch-high letters), were the chubby little heroes of the day. Belted off by scribes who skidded round corners and joined strokes to save time, they were now being written on parchment, "that stouffe that we wrythe vpon: and is made of beestis skynnes:"

ALL LETTERS WERE STILL IN CAPITALS.



Illuminated letter from The Book of Kells, tith-8th century But they got a lot smaller in the 6th century when the lowercase letter started popping up. As did the Vikings, the 8th century's very own lager louts who, despite destroying every monastery they could find, missed those responsible for the two masterpieces of Celtic illuminated writing - The Book of Kells and

the Lindisfarne Gospels. The latter was once stolen and found later, buried and minus its gold cover. Even in the Middle Ages, people nicked books. To try and stop this, scribes would often add a curse in the colophon as in this 9th century ınanuscript:

Whoe'er this book to make his own doth plot.

The fires of hell and brimstone be his lot?

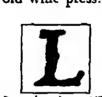
And it wasn't until about 600AD that words began to be separated. Uptillthennobodysawanyreasontoput spacebetweenthem.



Fed up with trying to decipher the cryptic handwriting of scribes from all over his empire, Charlemagne headhunred the rop man from rhe Scriptorium ar York and gave him rhe job of creating a single standard of handwriting - the first bit of corporate design ever.

Charged almost literally with rewriting history, Alcuin of York developed Carolingian letters - a clearly legible book hand, and the direct ancestor of out lowercase alphabet and most basic type styles "If all printers were determined not to print anything till they were sure it offended nobody, there would be very little printed." Benjamin Franklin.

Up 'til 1440, everything in Europe had been handwritten. And then... Johann Gensfleisch (zum Gutenberg), a goldsmith, came up with his amazing invention. Movable type - printingl His 42-line Bible, completed in 1456, was printed on a machine he made out of an old wine press...



Nicholas Jenson's Roman letters, cut in 1470, left Gothic for dead and have heen admited by experts for centuries.



The first English printer was Caxton. The first book printed in England to bear a date was his 'Dictes or Sayengis of the Philosophres' in 1477. Touchingly, one of his assistants was called Wynkyn de Worde...



What did Raphael, Cellini, Michelangelo, Henry VIII and Lady Jane Grev all have in common? Their handwriting, adopted from the fashionable writing manual 'Operina' written by the Pope's Chancery scribe, Ludovico Arrighi. Other scribes followed suit with manuals of their own. One such, a Spaniard called Morante, became so popular his competitors turned him in to The Inquisirion.

Meanwhile in 1501, Aldus Manutius, driven by the desire to invent paperbacks (pocket editions of the Latin classics), introduced a type thar would let him get more letters to the page. He was Italian, the English rhus called his invention, italies.



Ocetrcy Tory from Champ Floury: 1529

The Renaissance interest in geometry and ideal form pushed many to try